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THOMPSON ACADEMY



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DEDICATION



JOHN DECIUS PINTO

The dedication of the 1975 Thompson Academy Yearbook was one of the most difficult tasks facing the Senior Class and the Yearbook staff this year. It is very special yearbook because it is the last one Thompson will publish. We, in turn, wanted the dedication to be special.

The choice was not an easy one. There are many people on the island who have helped us immeasurably during our stay here. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have served the school and its students for a total of 89 years. They have always been helpful and friendly, especially when we needed it the most. Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have totaled 37 years of service to the school and students. They have displayed the same quality as the Thomases.

John Horan has many times gone out of his way to help a troubled young man, giving time and effort and never seeking any repayment. John Quinn has worked endless hours trying to solidify our plans for after graduation. Doug Paige has shown us a patience and understanding that is rare in a man as young as he is.

Perhaps the one person who best exemplifies our stay at Thompson is our Headmaster, JOHN DECIUS PINTO. To him we dedicate the 1974 Thompson Academy Yearbook.

Mr. Pinto has served as Math Teacher, Physics Teacher, Yearbook Advisor, Math Department Head, Golf Coach, Director of Studies, and finally Headmaster. He has worn many hats at Thompson, but the one he wears best is understanding. In the years that he has been associated with us, John Pinto has never failed with us individually or in a group he has never lost his posture.

For seven years he has given unselfishly of himself and his family. The Yearbook Dedication is small thanks, but it is the best the Class of 1975 has to give.

SCHOOL HISTORY

Thompson Academy is the fifth oldest independent school for boys in New England. The academy was founded in 1814 as the Boston Asylum for Indigent Boys, principally to afford "protection and support" to the sons of local families that had suffered from conditions brought about by the War of 1812, and were therefore unable to supply proper guidance or support to their pre-or early adolescent sons.

A number of philanthropic Bostonians decided early in 1813 to establish a "home school" for such boys to provide them with food, shelter, education and direction. Descendants of many of the original funding families remain active members of the Thompson Academy Board of Trustees.

In 1832, a second, similarly oriented school was independently incorporated as the Boston Farm School, and Thompson's Island Boston Harbor was purchased from the city of Dorchester for its setting.

Because the objectives of the Boston Farm School were much alike, and because the living facilities of the Asylum were becoming increasingly crowded in its single brick building in Boston's West End, a joint petition was presented to the General Court of Massachusetts for an act uniting the two schools into one, the Boston Asylum and Farm School for Indigent Boys.

The Assets of the former Asylum School were liquidated, and thus, a solid financial base upon which the new school would establish its future growth was provided. The new school continued to serve needy boys of good character and to provide a year-round home, academic instruction, and a thorough appreciation of manual and industrial arts and the principals of agriculture.

During the 19th century the school enlarged its campus, its combined academic/agricultural/vocational program and its student body and staff. In 1907, the school name was changed to the Farm and Trades School, however, the school's orientation and program remained unchanged.

One of the most distinctive extracurricular activities of the early Farm and Trades School had its inception in 1857. According to school historian Raymond W. Stanley, some 12 boys were casually amusing themselves one afternoon creating musical sounds through combs covered with tissue paper. They were soon joined by three boys with violins, and this group of 15 began to schedule informal meetings on a regular basis. In *THE FOUR THOMPSONS*, Stanley writes: "A bass violin, saxhorn, cornopean, and drum were added to form the nucleus of what became, the same year, the first school band in America." The Greek philosopher Plato suggested in the *REPUBLIC* that musical instruction for young people would impart to them an important sense of rhythm and harmony to broaden and to supplement a classical education. It was the boys of the early Farm and Trades School, however, that were to finally implement this platonic concept.

In 1956, The Farm and Trades School on Thompson's Island was renamed Thompson Academy, a titular change which both formalized and reflected a process of evolution that the school had been undergoing for some fifty years. The Farm and Trades School, as its name implied, has provided a practical training program which according to a 1947 school brochure, developed:

".....in each boy considerable skill in several of the departments of practical training with intensive training in one or two departments. These practical departments included printing, sloyd, carpentry, heating engineering, painting, glazing, electrical repairs, plumbing and steam repairs, cement work, floor care, building maintenance, farming, lawn care, shrubbery, tree pruning, shoe repair, laundry operation, clothing care, baking, vegetable canning, butchering, meat cutting, poultry dressing, office and messenger work."

Additionally, each student was required to complete a full curriculum of academic instruction. Typical school days included four hours of class work, four hours of work training, and four hours of play and recreation. Although demanding, the success of that vigorous program is yet attested to by hundreds of enthusiastic alumni.

By 1955, however, the Trustees of the School had determined that a disproportionately large number of then recent graduates had left the farm and shops on Thompson Island only to find that their elective but somewhat obsolete skills were not so easily marketable as they have been in an earlier era. At that time, the Board of Trustees elected to change the name of the School to Thompson Academy, to extend the program to include the full four years of high school, to both modify and intensify the academic curriculum, and insofar as was possible to continue to introduce each boy to a variety of practical, manual skills.

The formula has been tremendously successful. The farm program ended in 1963 as a result of a disastrous fire which destroyed the main barn, much of the industrial arts courses-glazing, printing, vegetable canning, poultry dressing, etc. were also terminated because of lack of training facilities and diminishing student interest. Yet, even as the academic curriculum became more and more geared to college preparation, Thompson Academy has continued to emphasize the importance of well-roundedness and manual skill development.

Again in 1971 fire struck the island. This time it was the Main building that was completely destroyed. To help put the school back on its feet a Planning Committee was formed to look into new education environments that could be implemented on the island.

A 1962-63 FEASIBILITY STUDY



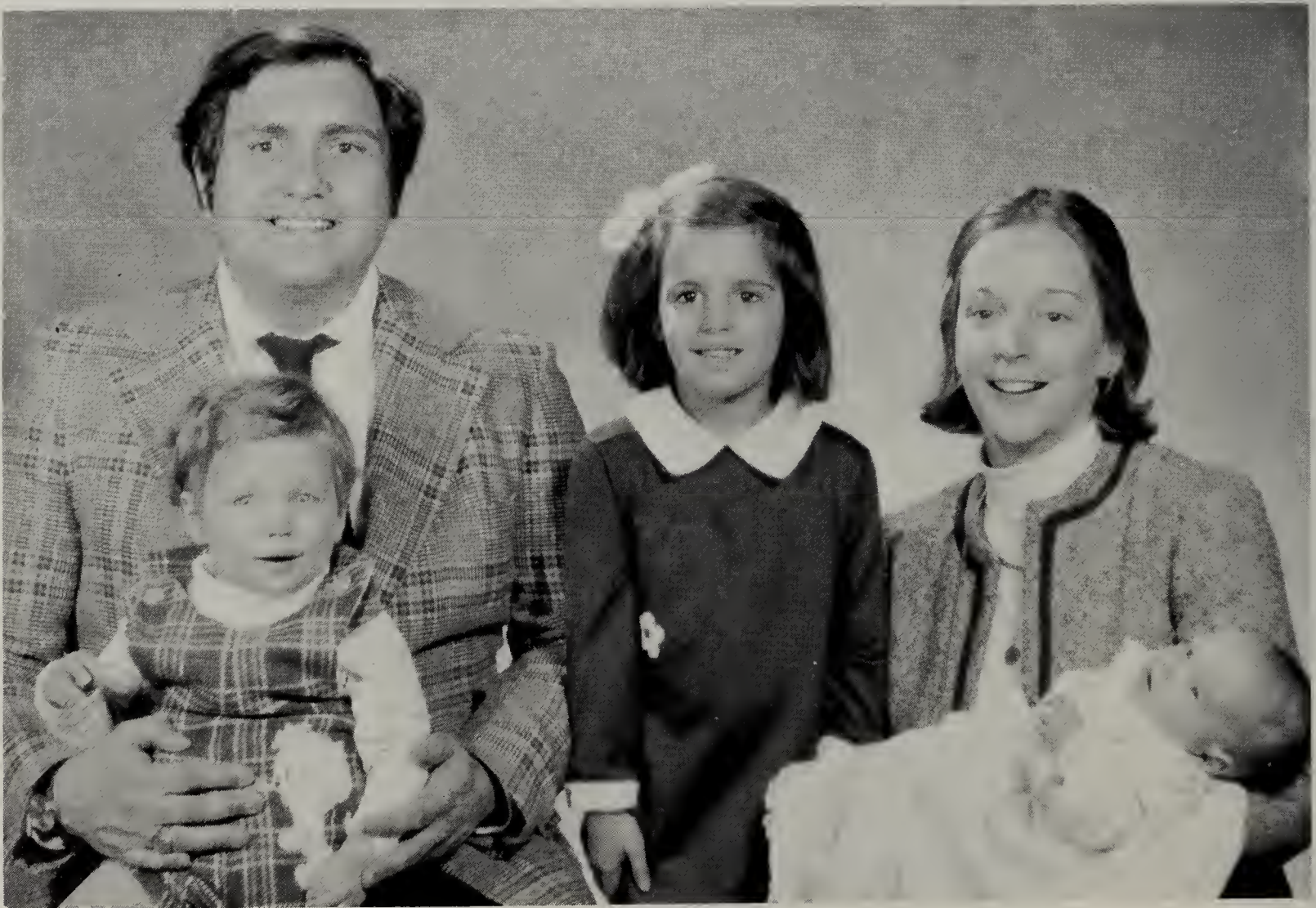
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THOMPSON FRIENDS AND FAMILIES

This June marks the end of an era. Thompson Academy will close its doors as a residential boarding school to begin a bold new educational venture in the fall. For those of us who have been associated with the old school this is a time to pause and reflect on the history and traditions of the past one hundred sixty one years.

We shall miss the old school and all that it stood for; but times change and so must Thompson Academy. We shall miss the old school and all its good works, and we wish for those who follow us great success and continuing good fortune.

John D. Pinto
Headmaster
Thompson Academy



Amelia Pinto (1/2 year)

Patrick Pinto (2 years)

Sarah Pinto (5 years)

Paula Pinto (7 years)

John D. Pinto (8 years); Columbia, B.A., Boston University, University of Rhode Island, and Honeywell Computer Institute.

HEADMASTER



Mr. Raymond Thomas (45 years):
Assistant Headmaster, Wood-
working.

Mrs. Wilhelmenia B. Thomas (44 years):
Secretary to the Headmaster.

Mr. Charles Baxter (23 years):
Purchasing Agent and Business
Manager.

Mrs. Mildred Baxter (14 years):
Records Secretary.





Alan Willis (7 years):
 Director of Studies, Head of
 Science Dept., JV Basketball
 Coach, Biology, Math.
 Acadia University, B. Sc., U Mass.

Celia Willis (2 years):
 University, B.A.

Samantha (2 years):
 Doggie U.

John A. Robinson (2 years):
 Athletic Director, Head of Math
 Dept., Head Football and Basket-
 ball Coach, Math, History, Year-
 book Advisor.
 Rutgers University, B.A.

Margaret L. Robinson (2 years):
 Librarian
 Adelphi University, B.A., New
 York University.

Christopher R. Robinson (1 year):
 Son

Taxi (2 years):
 Dog

Macduff (2 years):
 Cat (Not pictured, probably out
 stalking a rat.)

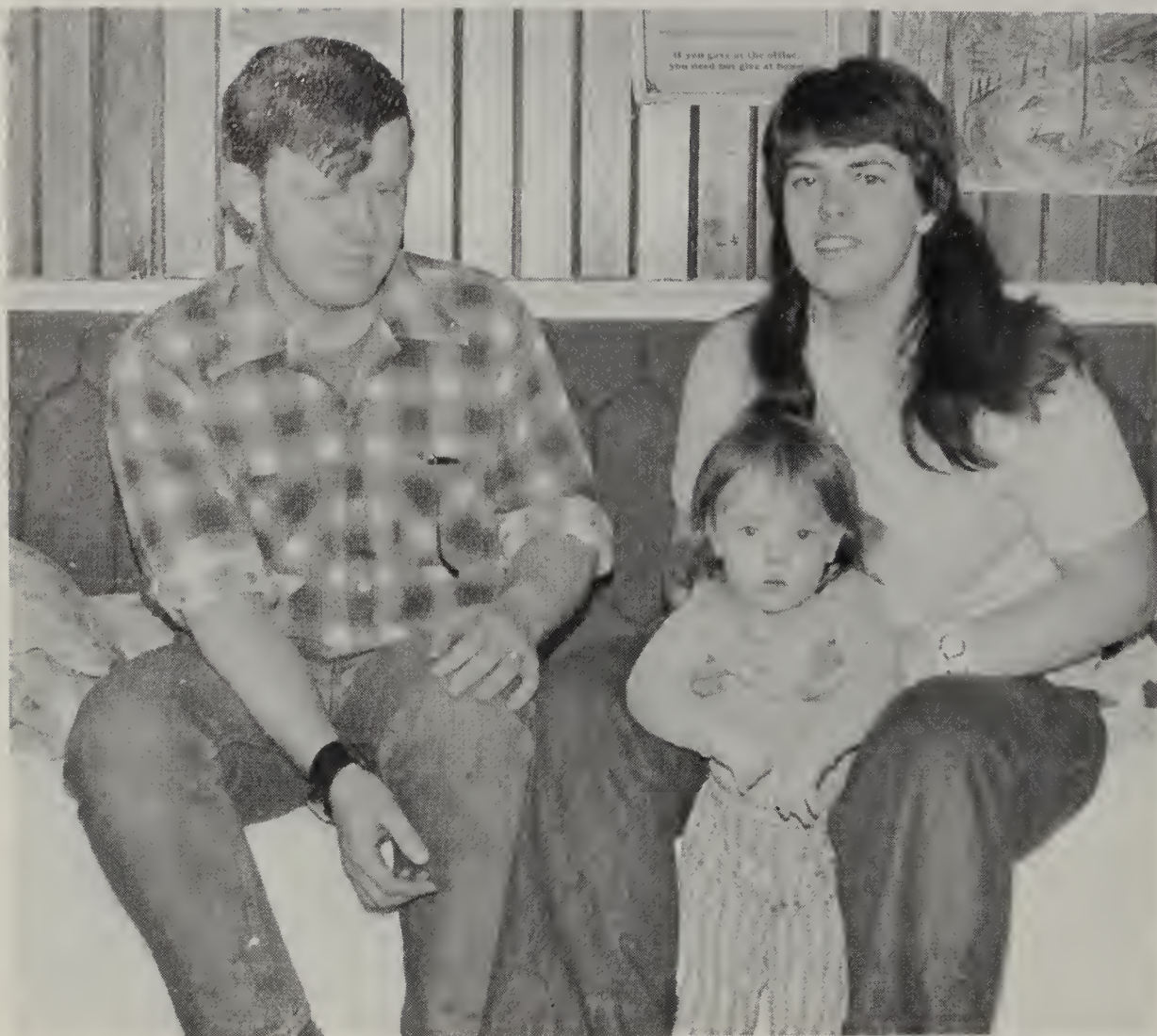




Peter Weiss (3 years): Boat Captain, Chemistry. University of Maine, B.S.
 Ann Weiss (2 years): Switchboard Operator, Science. University of Maine, B.S.
 Pepper (2 years): Dog



Ronald Dumont (2 years): Alternate Boat Captain, Science, Math. U Mass, B.S.
 Mary Elizabeth Dumont (1 year)



Thomas Klinepeter (2 years):
Head Chef

Diane Klinepeter (2 years):
Alternate
Switchboard
Operator

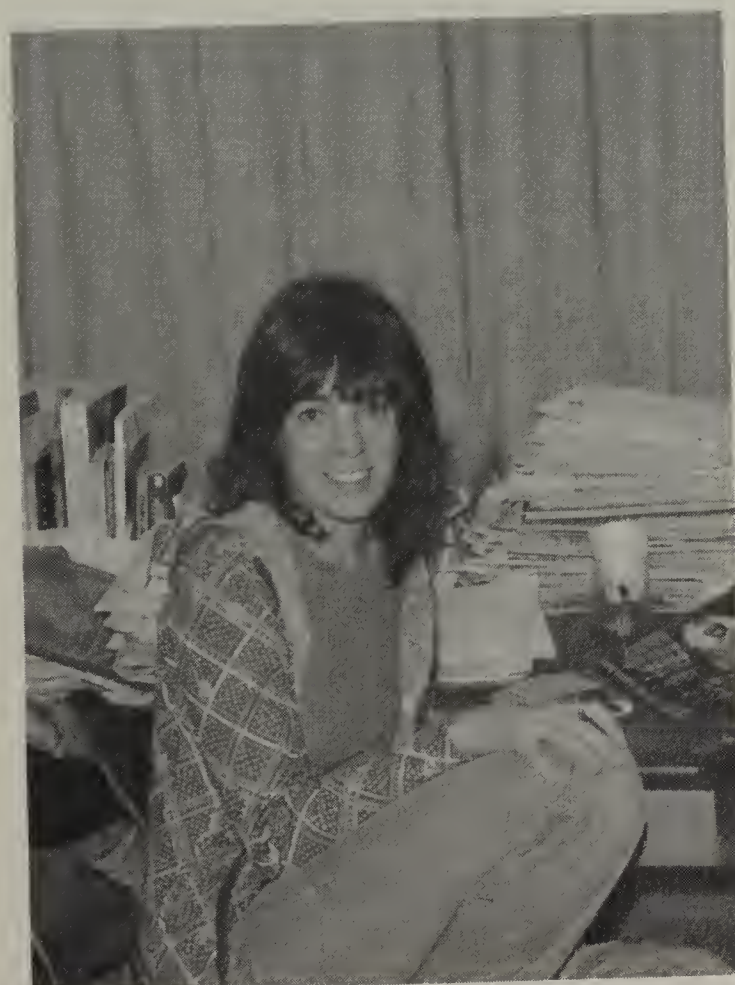
Christine Klinepeter (2 years):
Daughter



Phyllis Champagne (31 years):
Housekeeper



Annette Roberge (9 years):
Admissions Secretary



Yvonne Zollman (2 years):
Art, Math, Yoga, Theater.
Ohio State University, B.A.



Mary Joan Willard (2 years):
 Guidance, English
 Indiana University of Pa., B.A.
 State University, Albany, N.Y., M.A.
 Boston University

Beverly Darkins (1 year):
 Planning Office Secretary

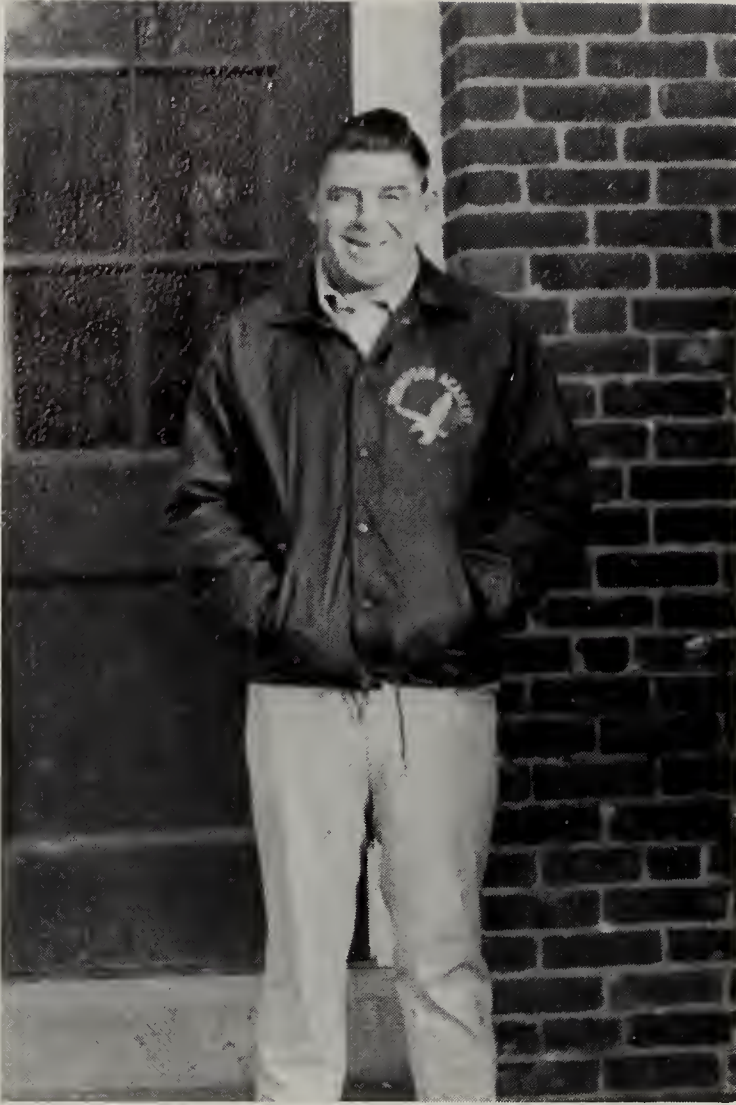




Ralph Lindsey (26 years):
 Infirmary Director
 Calvin Collidge Col-
 lege, B.A., M.Ed.



William James (11 years):
 Power Plant Operator



Alphonse Grincavich (8 years):
Groundsman



Ben Brown (11 years):
Power Plant Operator



John Horan (9 years):
Head Basketball Coach,
Gym Supervisor

Gerald Jordan (4 years):
Grounds Fore-
man
Essex County
Agricultural
College, B.S.





Rene Jacques St. Pierre (5 years):
Chef Extraordinaire

John Quinn (3 years):
Director of
Guidance, His-
tory, English,
Soccer Coach.
University of
Rhode Island,
B.A., M.A.





Douglas Paige (3 years):

Head of History Dept., History, Hockey
Coach.

Lehigh University, B.A.,
Boston University, M.Ed.

William Peck (3 years):

Director of Admissions, Head of English
Dept., English, Head Soccer Coach.

Yale University, B.A.,
Middlebury College





Robert Sullivan (2 years):
English, History, Hockey Coach, Head
Baseball Coach.
Boston University, B.A.

William Nelson (1 year):
Reading, English
Penn State, B.S.S.
Boston University, M.A.





Alan November (1 year):
Math, Science, Aquarium Program
U Mass., B.S.



David Schaufus (1 year):
Kitchen Assistant

PLANNING OFFICE



Frank White and Donald Lombardi



David Handy:
Head Dorm Counselor, New Dorm
1st Floor
Boston University



Harry Fenton:
"B" Dorm
Bunker Hill Community College



Joseph Cronin:
New Dorm 2nd Floor



George Toppi:
"C" Dorm

CLUBS AND DORMS

Classes and activities play a large role in the lives of some Thompson students. Other students don't even know some of our activities exist. We have class instruction for credit in art and woodworking. The rest of the activities are scheduled on a regular basis as part of the evening program.

Tournaments are held in cribbage (partners and singles) and chess with a fine trophy going to the winners. Theater work shop is working on an avant garde play, and the art club regularly has exhibits in the dining hall. Weightlifting, though not as popular as in years past, has been refurbished with two new universal machines. Yoga is the new physical fitness fad on campus.

Of course without the boat boys we could never get on or off the island, and the help they give struggling faculty wives with their packages is certainly appreciated.

The dorms are total zoos, but fun places to live in. Any stranger who enters New Dorm after dark, takes his life in his own hands. The Loyal Sons of St. Patrick rarely show mercy. The opening of "C" Dorm has brought a recreation room with an air hockey game and a Coke machine. All "B" Dorm has to offer is the now defunct "doghouse" and Igor Quinn, Taxi's best friend next to the green truck.

Some people's membership in the clubs on the following pages is somewhat suspect. However, we accept all comers, living or dead!!!

AFRO-AM SOCIETY



FIRST ROW: Stanley Kiano, George Rosado, Steve Scott, Gregory Carroll, and Eddie Neal.
SECOND ROW: Robert Taylor, George Delvalle, Karlton Burnett, and James Montgomery. THIRD ROW: Carmello Rivera, Juan Coday, Jonathan King, and Tyrone Haskett.

CRIBBAGE



FIRST ROW: Joe Watts, Eddie Neal, Brian Feeney, and Gene Sullivan. SECOND ROW: Joe Stappen, Steve Scott, Ed Downs, and Billy Donald. THIRD ROW: Tim Buckley, Mike Prentis, and Eddie Milan.

CHESS



FIRST ROW: Jim Doane, Karlton Burnett, and Jim Devine. SECOND ROW: Robert Taylor, Greg Bullocck, and Steve Scott.

THEATER



SITTING: Yvonne Zollman. FIRST ROW: Chill Wills, Joe Delahandro, and Wally Brunner. SECOND ROW: Sidney Potier, huntz Hall, and Kip Kieno. THIRD ROW: Leo Gorcy, Lassie, and Dagwood.

ART



FIRST ROW: Gregory Carroll, Papa Carter, Walter Logue, and Ed Milan. SECOND ROW: Jim Doane, Eddie Neal, James Devine, and Tom Herlihy. THIRD ROW: Karlton Burnett and Yvonne Zollman.

WEIGHTLIFTING



FIRST ROW: Joe Watts, Joe Stappen, Papa Carter, and Eddie Neal. SECOND ROW: Gene Sullivan, Jon King, Steve Scott, Ed Downs, Frank Tkacik, and Doug Marr. (If you really believe that all these clowns actually lift, then I know of an old bridge down New York City Way that I could pick up for you for a song.)

YOGA



LEFT TO RIGHT: Papa Carter, Paul Ryan, Tom McClure, Yvonne Zollman, Joe Watts, Brian Feeney, Gene Sullivan, and Buddha.

WOODWORKING



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Steve Murphy, Eddie Ruck, Two Unrecognizable Faces, Tom Roonie, Mike Prentis, Joe Shahbaz, Papa Carter, Frank Tkacik, Juan Coday, Paul Ryan, Tim Buckley, and Mr. Thomas.

"C" DORM



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: Bev Darkins, George Rosado, Tyrone Hasket, George Delvalle, Carmello Rivera, Eddie Neal, Karlton Burnett, Juan Coday, Absolutely Devine, and Steve Scott.

ATHLETICS

Athletics play a large role in the life of a Thompson Academy student. During any one of the sports seasons more than 50% of the student body can be found competing on an interscholastic varsity level. Though small in numbers, we have always held our own against schools four and five times our size. We are the smallest school in New England to field an eleven man varsity level football team.

Although this was not one of our banner years for victory, a proud sports tradition will end with the closing of the program in June of 1975. The Fall was a struggle in football and soccer, but the Winter improved with hockey and the basketball team won the second division Class D in the Bay State Tournament. The Spring looks even brighter with the return of a veteran baseball team.

In this small space we would like to honor our captains; Brian Feeney, Doug Marr, and Jon King in football, Dave Rose and Wayne Gerrish in Soccer, John Nee and Steve Scott in Varsity Basketball, Tim Buckley and Wally Logue in JV Basketball, and Larry Bavis in Baseball. We would also like to thank our coaches John Robinson, Dave Handy, Bill Peck, John Quinn, John "Injun" Horan, Doug Paige, Alan Willis and Bob Sullivan for jobs well done.

A special thanks goes out to Ray Thomas who started our athletic program 45 years ago, and who served as Athletic Director for the first 42 years. Thank you, Mr. T.



SOCCER



FIRST ROW: Coach William Peck, Stanley Kiano, Juan Coday, David Rose (Co-capt.), Wayne Gerrish (Co-capt.), Calvin Reed, and Coach John Quinn. SECOND ROW: Thomas Herlihy, Edward Milan, Paul Ryan, Stephen Joyce, David Norris, Jose Serrano, Daryll Payne, Gregory Bullock, Thomas Rozene, Stephen Murphy, Carmello Rivera, Kevin Boyce, and Timothy Doucette.

The 1974 Soccer team, captained by Dave Rose and Wayne Gerrish, finished a disappointing season with a close contest against Winchendon-Cusing. A large home-coming crowd cheered them on, but a goal late in the game for W-C sent the Seahawks down to a 2-1 defeat. Dave Rose was a standout in goal and Wayne Gerrish on defense kept the game close throughout.

Although many games were hotly contested, the only victory Thompson could manage was a 10-1 thrashing of perennially weak New Preparatory School. A previous game with New Prep had been cancelled and the Thompson players were anxious to break into the win column. For once the offense was in high gear, resulting in a lopsided score.

Outwardly, the statistics don't point to the 1974 season as a successful one, but often it was the play of the offensive players like Jose Serrano, Steve Scott, and Juan Coday that gave Thompson Academy fans something to be happy about. Calvin Reed and Steve Joyce were strong on defense and only a lack of a consistent offense kept Thompson from winning more games.

Thanks for an enjoyable year go to Ron Dumont for his help as a volunteer coach, to newcomers Rich Quinn and Tim Doucette for their spark and hustle, and especially to MVP David Rose and defensive leader Wayne Gerrish for holding the team together through a difficult season.



Dave Rose moves in on the ball as Daryll Payne assists.

1974 SCORES

T.A. 0	Proctor	7
T.A. 2	Beaver	4
T.A. 1	Concord Academy	4
T.A. 2	St. Andrew's	5
T.A. 0	Lawrence Academy	6
T.A. 0	Marianapolis	8
T.A. 3	Lexington Christian	6
T.A. 2	Belmont Hill JV's	7
T.A. 10	New Prep	0
T.A. 1	Winchendon-Cushing	2



Richie Quinn, Ed Donovan, and Wayne Gerrish watch as Steve Joyce heads the ball away from our goal.



Bullock Saves!



Juan Coday on the move.



Jose Serrano with a head.



Eddie Donovan lays into one.

FOOTBALL



FIRST ROW: Mark Prentis, James Montgomery, Joseph Stappen, Brian Feeney, Douglas Marr, Jonathan King, Brian Rudy, Mike Prentis, and Robert Taylor. SECOND ROW: George Delvalle, James Delvalle, Edward Downs, Timothy Buckley, Russell Smith, Edward Joyce, John Nee, and Tyrone Haskett. THIRD ROW: Coach John Robinson, John Feeney, Dave Marr, Brian Lee, Brian McDonough, and Paul Watts. Absent when pictures was taken: Ass't Coach David Handy, George Rosado, and Hecotr Carter.

It was a difficult year for the young Seahawks. After a well-deserved 12-8 victory over Proctor in our opener, the team was hit with a number of calamities. Injuries, players leaving school, and playing against post-graduate-laden teams could not keep us down. However, our record ended up 1-8.

The highlight of the season had to be the win over Proctor, but many other people and events stand out. We were able to play pretty much a two platoon system with only three seniors starting on offense and four on defense. We would have been strong for a long time.

Against Hebron we fielded a defense that averaged 152 lbs. a man. TA held Hebron to 7 yds. on the ground and 84 in the air but came up short 22-8. We ourselves had over 200 yds. total offense, but fumbles prevented us from scoring on several occasions.

In nine games we out gained our opponents in five, but fumbles, key penalties, missed assignments, and the like stalled many scoring drives. The defense had to play as much as 70% of the game on certain days. Thompson never quit, and week after week we came out hitting. Joe Stappen and Brian Rudy were the examples of what we had. They never stopped hitting or hustling.

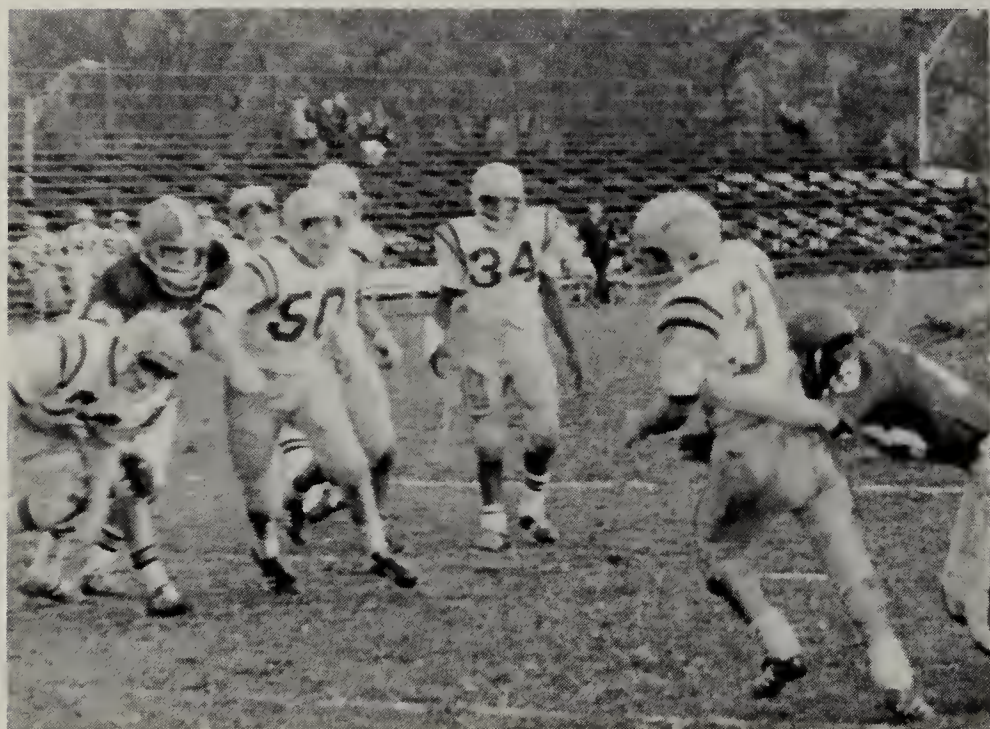
Russell Smith at tackle, Robert Taylor at linebacker, Jon King at fullback, and Brian Rudy at cornerback made first team All Yankee Prep Conference. Brian Feeney and Doug Marr were honorable mention.

Jonathan King was selected as a Scholastic All-Amerian, the first from Thompson Academy.

So, though it was a difficult year, it was also in many respects a rewarding one. The players learned to never quit and gained the respect of all their opponents with their desire.

1974 SCORES

T.A. 12	Proctor	8	T.A. 6	Lawrence	20
T.A. 8	North Yarmouth	35	T.A. 8	Hebron	22
T.A. 6	Cranwell	20	T.A. 14	St. Sebastian's	21
T.A. 0	Hyde	33	T.A. 0	Tyngsboro	8
	T.A. 0	Winchendon-Cushing	18		



Brian Rudy knifes for the extra points against St. Sebastian's after Ed Downs and Tim Buckley have cleared the way.



Jon King sets up for pass protection.



FIRST OFFENSE

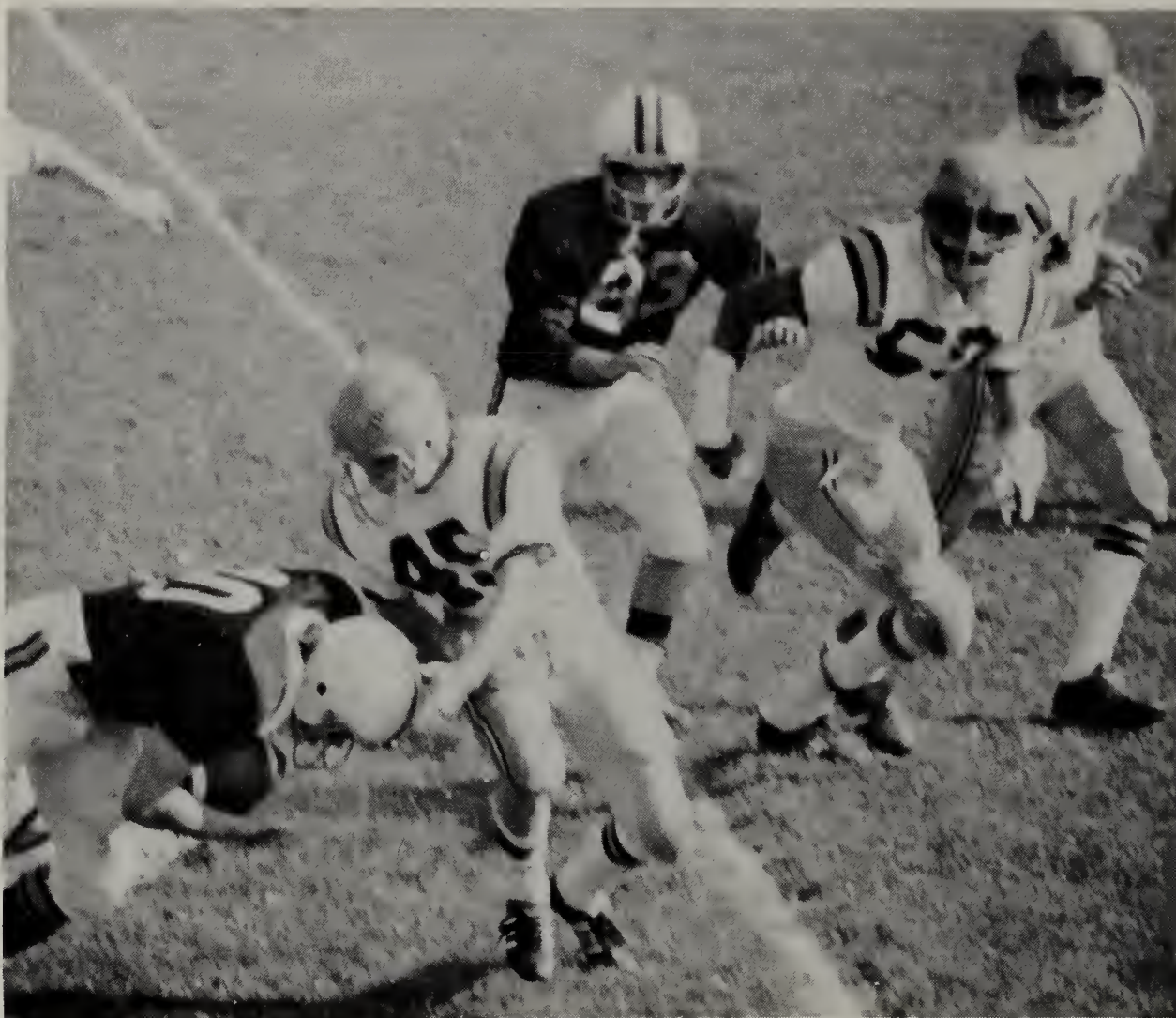


DOWN: Mark Prentis, Robert Taylor, Ed Downs, Tim Buckley, Russ Smith, Tyrone Haskett, and Mike Prentis.
STANDING: Brian Rudy, Doug Marr, Jon King, Brian Feeney, Joey Stappen, and Teddy Joyce.

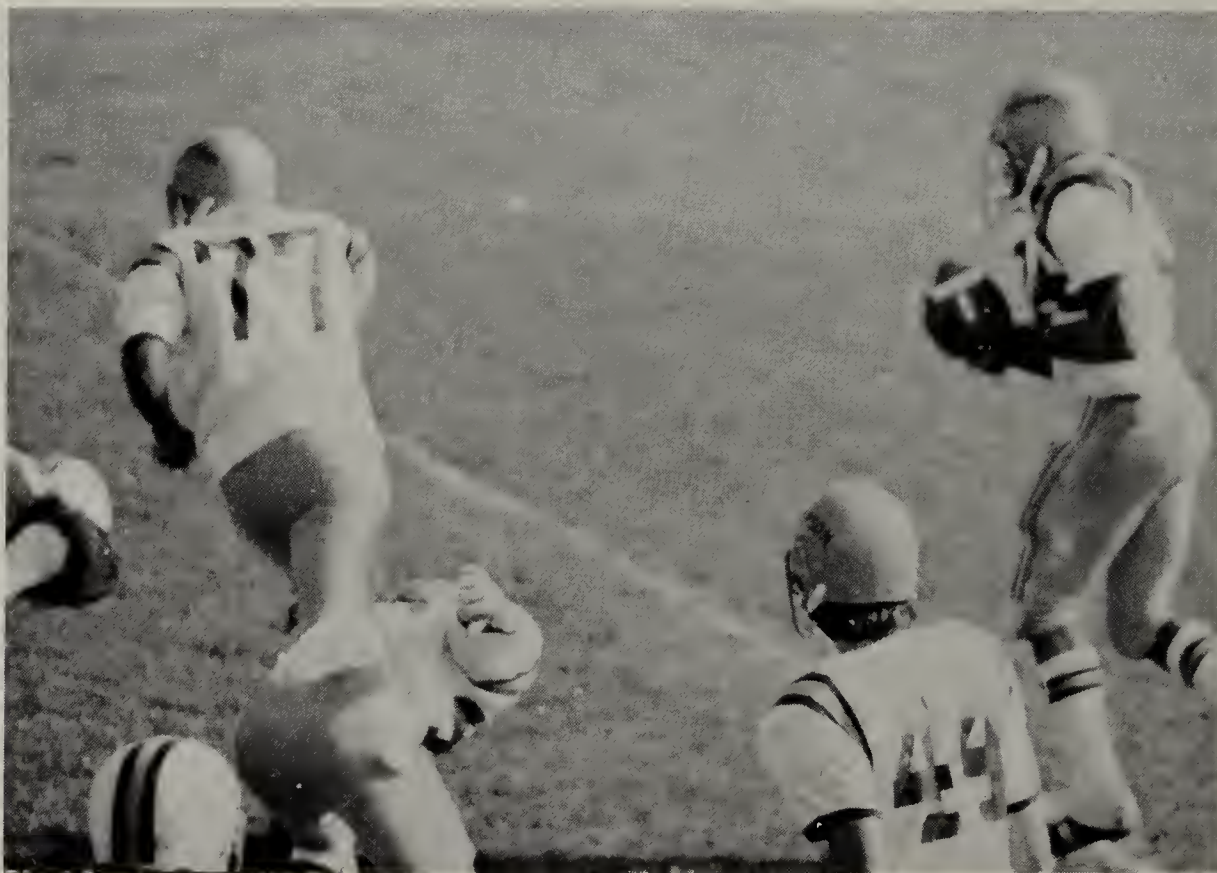
FIRST DEFENSE



DOWN: Jack Feeney, Brian McDonough, Paul Watts, Russ Smith, and Dave Marr. STANDING: Brian Lee, Jim Delvalle, Jim Motgomery, Robert Taylor, Doug Marr, John Nee, and Brian Feeney.



Doug Marr, Robert Taylor, and Brian Feeney move in to stop a Cranwell runner.



Russell Smith pulls out to lead John King around the end.

VARSITY BASKETBALL



FIRST ROW: Mike McGrath, George Rosado, John Nee, Steve Scott, and Larry Bavis.
SECOND ROW: Mike Prentis, Mark Prentis, Herb Smith, and Tim Buckley. Absent when picture was taken: Robert Taylor.

The 1974-75 Thompson Academy Varsity team finished the campaign with an 8-4 record. However, they came away winners in post season play, as the Seahawk club took top honors in Class D, Division 2, of the Bay State Tournament.

The victories in the tournament were typical of Thompson play throughout the regular season. Balanced scoring and rebounding, along with a relentless team defense led us into the winners's circle. In the final, Robert Taylor, and Steve Scott provided the scoring in the early going as John Nee and Herbie Smith controlled the boards. In the fourth quarter, when they were needed, Mike Prentis and Mike McGrath came off the bench to nail down the win. McGrath sunk four consecutive foul shots in clutch situations to break the rally of Tahantaho's up, and Prentis regained control on the boards.

During the season we were able to put together two strings of three consecutive victories. We knocked off St. Andrew's who went to the New England Private School Tournament, and almost dumped Hyde (losing only 57-55 in their gym), who came in second in the New England Private School Tournament.

Larry Bavis, George Rosado, and Tim Buckley provided consistent play throughout the year. These players were part of our starting ten that proved the theory that winning basketball, is a team game played by more than five men. We would like to thank our coaches John Robinson and John "Injun" Horan for their leadership and time. John Horan finished out his ninth year of coaching at Thompson with a combined JV and Varsity record of 115-43.

1974-75 SCORES

T.A. 51	Roxbury Latin	35	T.A. 76	Beaver	80
T.A. 55	Hyde School	57	T.A. 61	Lexington Christian	39
T.A. 35	St. Sebastian's	66	T.A. 33	Tabor	70
T.A. 57	St. Andrew's	56	T.A. 79	Cambridge School	46
T.A. 76	New Prep	50	T.A. 74	Commonwealth	34
T.A. 67	Chapel Hill	40	T.A. 66	T.A. Alumni	62

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T.A. 75	St. Joseph's (Lowell)	53
T.A. 62	Tahantaho Regional (Boylston)	58



Mike Prentis and Steve Scott regroup during a break in the action.



Mike Prentis and Steve Scott await the ball after a Herb Smith block.



An anxious bench and cheering section looks on.



Herb Smith and John Nee await a rebound.



Robert Taylor and Steve Scott start the fast break.

JV BASKETBALL



Coach Alan Willis, Walter Logue, Timothy Buckley, Skip Burns, Daryll Payne, Greg Bullock, Jose Serrano, Tyrone Haskett, and Richie Wuinn. Absent when the picture was taken Kevin Boyce.

1974-75 SCORES

T.A. 44	Roxbury Latin	23	T.A. 43	Tynan	36
T.A. 45	Belmont Hill	35	T.A. 40	Lexington Christian	39
T.A. 53	Hyde	55	T.A. 55	St. Andrew's	33
T.A. 38	St. Sebastian's	37	T.A. 44	Tynan	28
T.A. 41	So. Boston Boys Club	45	T.A. 96	Hill Girls School	14

Coach Alan Willis and his young Seahawks had a fine 8-2 record this winter. The highlight of the season was a 38-37 come from behind win over St. Sebastian's. Also not to be forgotten quickly was the devastating 96-14 stomping administered to Hill Girls School.

On the more serious side, the team did enjoy a very successful campaign. It was led by Tim Buckley who was the leading scorer and rebounder, and who almost single-handedly brought home the win versus St. Sebastian's. The supporting cast differed from game to game, but the hustle of Wally Logue, Greg Bullock, and Skip Burns was always evident.

For Coach Al Willis it was another very strong effort as he extended his eight year won-loss record as JV coach to an astounding 88-14.



Co-captains Wally Logue and Tim Buckley.

HOCKEY



FIRST ROW: Tom McClure, Joe Stappen, Gene Sullivan, Tom Herlihy, and Ed Milan. SECOND ROW: Frank Tkacik, Doug Marr, Bill Donald, and Coach Dougie Paige. THIRD ROW: Joe Watts, Joe Lee, and Don McGuire. Absent when picture was taken: Brian McDonough, Brian Lee, and Coach Bob Sullivan.

1974-75 SCORES

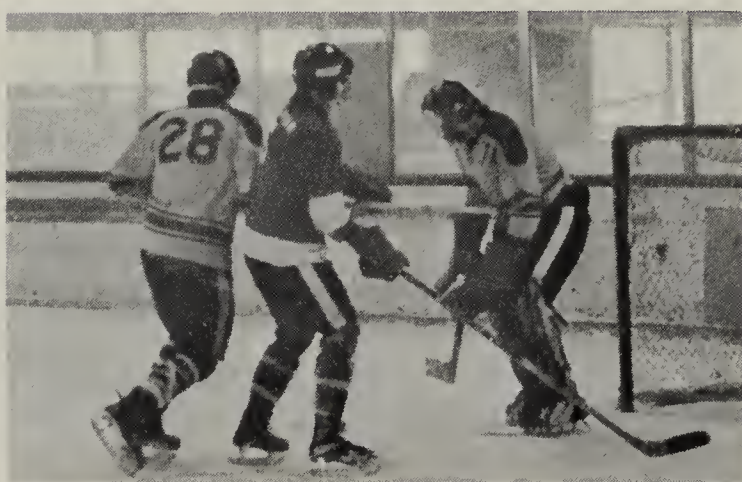
T.A. 5	So. Boston Penguins 4	T.A. 4	So. Boston Seals 1
T.A. 6	Gavin School 2	T.A. 2	Memorial JV's 1
T.A. 2	Boston College High 4	T.A. 4	So. Boston Penguins 6

The 1974-75 Thompson Academy hockey team began the season with high hopes. After losing only three of last years starters, the returning letterman were joined by some good, new hockey talent. Coaches Paige and Sullivan were concerned about the defense, but the addition of Ed "Butch" Milan and Bill "Spaceman" Donald strengthened the existing line of Don McGuire and Tom McClure, Meanwhile, Frank Tkacik took over the net-minding duties and was effective enough to win the Most Improved Player Award.

The Sullivan-Stappen scoring punch of last year was backed up by a line with Brian Lee centering Joe Lee and Brian McDonough. With these tow units working well together, the Seahawks started off the season with a 5-4 win over the Penguins, a South Boston Midget League team. Unfortunately, before the year progressed too far, the team was hurt by the losses of Brian Lee and Brian McDonough. With other losses in personnell it looked like the team might have to cancel the rest of the season, but the remaining players hustled and worked their way to a respectable 4-2 record. Although the roster was small, the spirit of the team was high, and the season was a fun, enjoyable experience for both the players and coaches.



Milan, McClure, and McGuire converge as Frank Tkacik turns away a South Boston Penguin bid for a score.

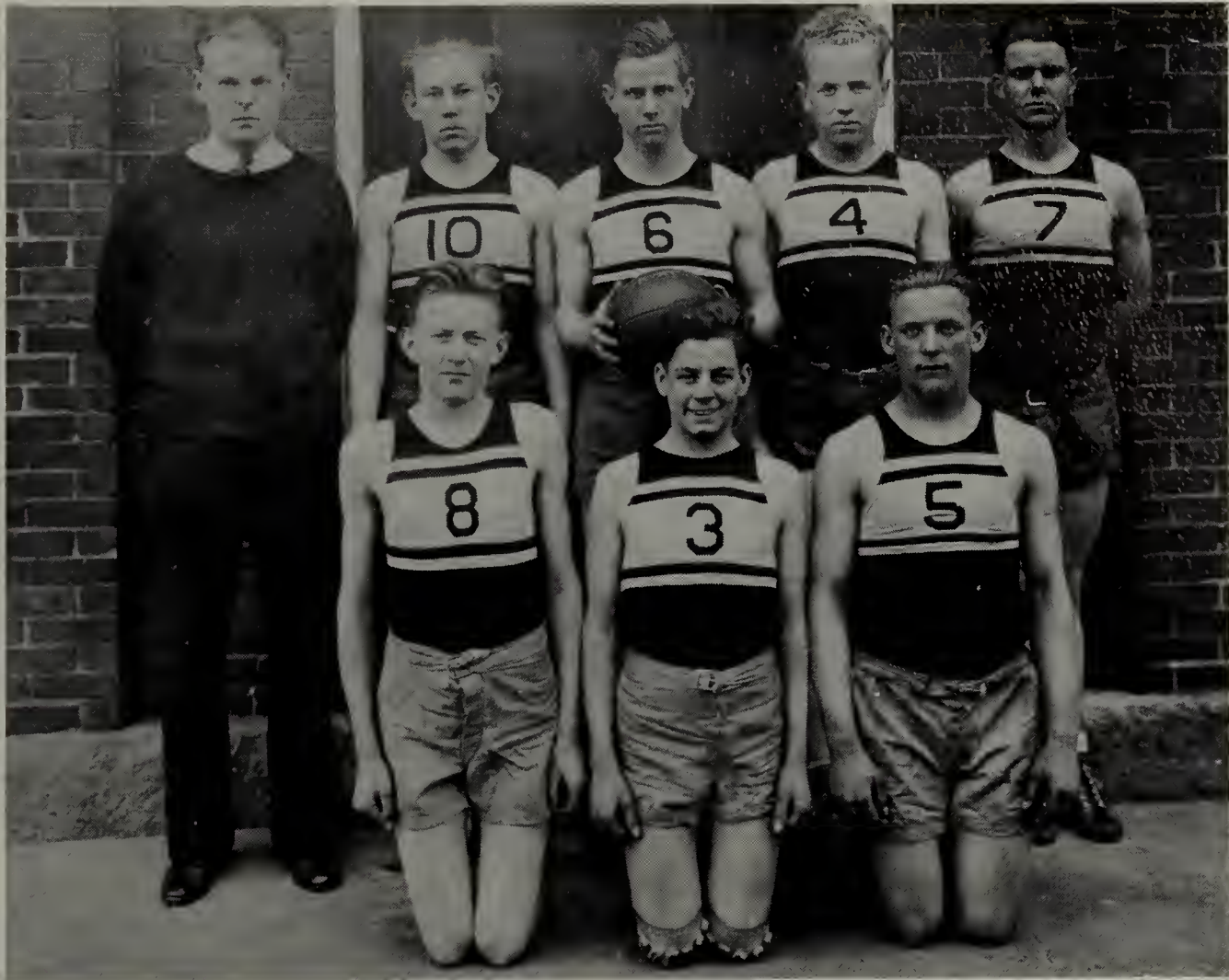


Action in front of the net as Tkacik stymies Memorial JV's.



The action turns down ice.

BASEBALL



(At press time the baseball team had not even started practice, and consequently a picture of the team was not available. In its place we are putting a picture with caption of the 1934 Varsity Basketball team)

FIRST ROW: Dole, Delorie, and Bean. SECOND ROW: Coach Thomas, Magee, Picard, MacDonald, and Pierce.

The 1975 Thompson Academy Baseball team could be one of the strongest representatives in recent years. Although most of last year's lettermen have departed, most first year students bring with them the reputation of being excellent ballplayers in the local Parks and Recreation League. The pitching staff consists of returning lettermen Gino Sullivan and John Nee. They will be bolstered with the addition of new comers Larry Bavis and Jerry Morancy. There is a three way battle for the catching spot between Tim Buckley, Teddy Joyce, and Joey Lee. Other players vying for a spot on the starting nine are George Rosado, Eddie Downs, Eddie Neal, Bobby Tracy, Mike McGrath, Carmello Rivera, Joe Watts, and Randy King.

Scheduled home games are against New Prep (2), Lexington Christian, Roxbury Latin, St. Sebastian's, and Lawrence Academy. The school wishes the team the best of luck in the upcoming season.

SPORTS FROM THE PAST



Varsity Football 1940



Varsity Football 1941



Early single wing action in 1920.

FRESHMEN



FIRST ROW: Tom Rooney, Pat Carter, Joe Lee, and Eddie Ruck. SECOND ROW: Jim Devine, Karlton Burnett, George Delvalle, and Paul Ryan. Absent when picture was taken: Louis Burns, Rich Carter, Jim Doane, Tim Doucette, Jose Joyner, Alphonso Kellam, Randy King, Mark Powell, Richie Quinn, and Louis Williams.

SOPHOMORE



FIRST ROW: Mark Coucette, Joe Watts, and Bill Donald. SECOND ROW: Greg Bullock, Joe Shahbaz, and Steve Murphy. Absent when picture was taken: Kevin Boyce, Alan Davis, Brian McDonough, Daryll Payne, Joe Perry, and Jose Serrano.

JUNIORS



FIRST ROW: Mike McGrath, Paul Capeless, Ed Milan, Walter Logue, Gene Sullivan, Jerry Morancy, and Ed Downs. SECOND ROW: Mike Prentis, Tyrone Haskett, Ted Joyce, Don McGuire, Herb Smith, and John Nee. THIRD ROW: Tim Buckley, Tom Herlihy, Dennis Arena, Bobby Tracy, Dennis Manning, and Frank Tkacik. Absent when picture was taken: James Elwell, Mike Flaherty, Peter Meeken, Carmello Rivera, Cavon Ross, and Russell Smith.

CLASS OF 1942



FIRST ROW: James St. Couer, William Mara, Donald Davis, Francis Daniel, and Robert Dooling. SECOND ROW: Franklyn Harris, Robert Stone, Alan Stewart, David Haeger, James Trembly, William Bernard, and Mark Risser. THIRD ROW: George Zevitas, George Hardy, Ernest Burns, Walter Johansson, Wallace Folkins, William Britton, and William Etheridge.

SENIORS



FIRST ROW: James Montgomery, Doug Marr, Stanley Kiano, Eddie Neal, Tom McClure, Joe Stappen, and Larry Bavis. SECOND ROW: Robert Taylor, Steve Powell, Wayne Gerrish, George Rosado, Brian Feeney, and Gregory Carroll. THIRD ROW: Jonathan King, Steve Scott, Juan Coday, and Mark Prentis. Absent when picture was taken: Archie Clayotr, Ed Donovan, Calvin Reed, David Rose, and Brian Rudy.

By the time these words are read in final copy, the Class of 1975 will have joined the ranks of the Alumni. Perhaps it is the last class to do so. Seven of the graduating Seniors have spent four years here at Thompson. They are Archie Claytor, Steve Scott, Doug Marr, Brian Feeney, David Rose, Wayne Gerrish, and Tom McClure.

What has gone on in those four years? John D. Pinto became the school's twelfth Headmaster. The Pilgrim IV went into service. The dock was completely rebuilt over a three year period. The yurt was built. Livestock (cows, sheep, rabbits, geese, and goats) returned to the island for the first time in 12 years. These are just some of the highlights.

Why then are the seniors facing backwards in the above picture? They are looking back over their years here and this what they see. As freshman a T.A. senior would remember Fred Creed as the Boat Captain. They would remember John Delvalle ruled the roost. J.K. Parker terrorized the dorms.

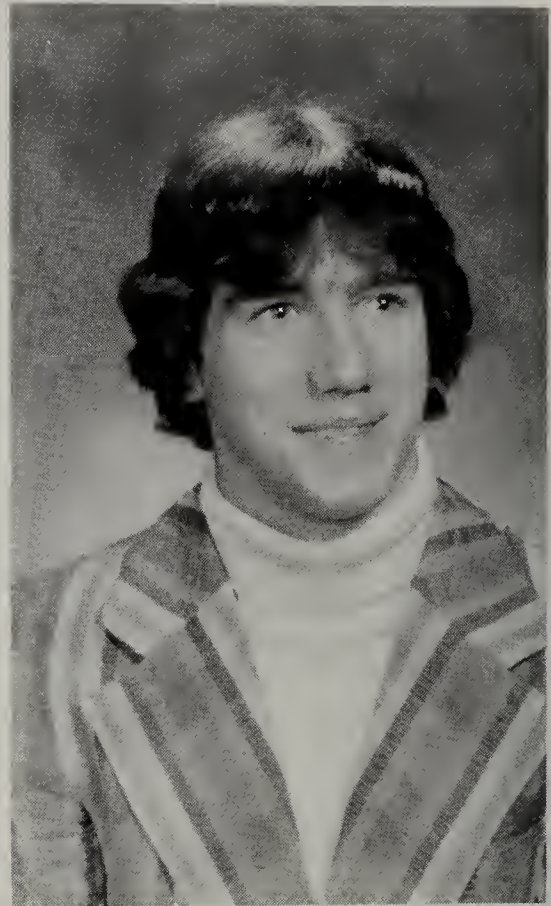
As sophomores the memory of Mr. Kitching's passing remains. Who could forget Fat Scott and Hiram Thompson doing their "Cheech and Chong" imitation. Was there anybody who could not hear CBS from anywhere on campus. The heart breaking loss to Rockport in the Bay State Tournament was perhaps the most remembered event to the year.

Who could ever forget the arrival of Koums as the junior year began. How about Bob Bandera showing all he was worth? And the Great Telephone Caper where Ma Bell was truly ripped off? Remember Rock Adams holding the Gym up one night at midnight? And Bob Casey did a good job.

Now as seniors the memories are fresher. South Boston arrived. Outward Bound week. School meetings. The eight oclock meeting. The Bay State Tournament Win. Mad Dog. Mahoney. Danforth. Nicoletti. Cunniff. The food at Thompson. And finally the crulest thought of all, the closing of Thompson Academy.

LAWRENCE BAVIS

559 East 4th St.
So. Boston, Mass.
Nickname: Bona
College: Lyndon's University
Occupation: Undecided
Entered Senior Class 1974



Likes: All sports, Heineken, Schlitz, Southie,
and XYZ Society.

Dislikes: New York City, forced busing, T.A.'s
new gestapo tactics, and Tom's food.

T.A. Biography: Basketball 4, Baseball 4.

Epitaph: "No dumping allowed"

GREGORY CARROLL

115-17 East 119th St.
New York, N.Y.
Nickname: All Jive
College: Bethune Cookman
Occupation: Undecided
Entered Junior Class 1973



Likes: Myself, youth, blackness, intelligence, fine women, and not forgetting the Bethals and Hamlettes who are special to me.

Dislikes: Majority of the unmentionables from South Boston, Tom's cooking, and TC's breath.

T.A. Biography: Art 3,4, Theater 3,4, Intramurals 3,4, LaCrosse 3.

Epitaph: *****

ARCHIE CLAYTOR

97 Rurthers St.
Roxbury, Mass.
Nicknames: Clay, Junkie C, Pimp
College: Brandeis
Occupation: Player
Entered Sophomore Class 1971



Likes: Valerie, Valeria, Superfly rides, cash, money, 12:00 p.m. and the ghetto, people who are real, and reading pimp books.

Dislikes: False loyalty, crazy roommates, not being able to sleep after two o'clock class, Sunday night at 7:30 or 10:00, inconsiderate people, and imitation eggs.

T.A. Biography: Intramurals 2,3,4, Yearbook Staff 4.

Epitaph: "Jimi hendrix lived and died, like him I'll never die."

JUAN CODAY

2833 Gunther Ave.
Bronx, N.Y.
Nickname: Cody
College: U Mass Amherst
Occupation: Dentist
Entered Junior Class 1973



Likes: Yvonne, Ron, Mary Beth, Boston, money girls, soccer, cars, and the boat.

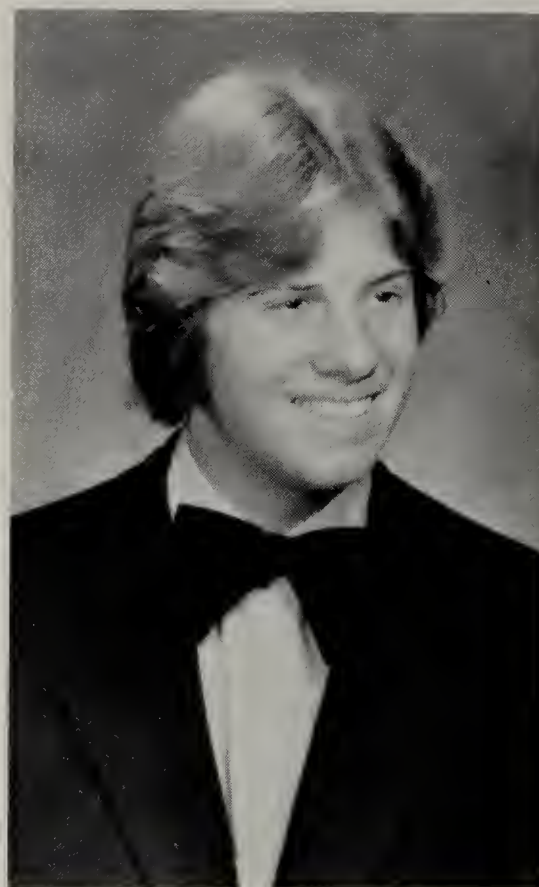
Dislikes: Tom's rotten murder burgers and deadly mystery meat, Southie, and walking up to Tom's leather pancakes.

T.A. Biography: Soccer 3,4, La Crosse 3, Boat Boy 3,4, Yoga 4

Epitaph: "Self education makes great men."

EDWARD DONOVAN

158 Waterson Ave.
Quincy, Mass.
Nickname: Edzo
College: None
Occupation: Coast Guard
Entered Senior Class 1974



Likes: Wayne Gerrish as "Mr. C.C.", Power's car, parties in Doug's room, women like Karen, drinking on Friday nights, and beating Mike Nee at ping-pong.

Dislikes: Wayne's Smelly feet, T.A. lousy food, dorm jobs, Eddie Neal's mouth, All Jive, eight o'clock meetings, Jerry Jordan, getting shut down at a packy, and getting busted.

T.A. Biography: Soccer 4, Hockey 4, Weight-lifting 4.

Epitaph: "Give me a hit, will ya."

BRIAN FEENEY

One Ross Place
So. Boston, Mass.
Nickname: Mr. Excitement
College: Undecided
Occupation: President of the United States
Entered Freshman Class in 1971



Likes: Ye Olde Towne Tavern, roast beef dinners, making raids on the gym with Gino, beer, and XYZ Society.

Dislikes: Green teeth, busing, and A.B.C.

T.A. Biography: Football 1,2,3,4, (Co-capt.) 4, Basketball 1,2,3, Baseball 1,2, 3,4, A Distinguished American High School Student, Who's Who in American High Schools, Yearbook Staff, Student Advisory Committee, Honor Roll 1,2,3, and the M.J. Willard Fan Club (President).

Epitaph: "Here lies Brian, what a dear. Here lies Brian with a case of beer."

WAYNE GERRISH

133 Beach St.

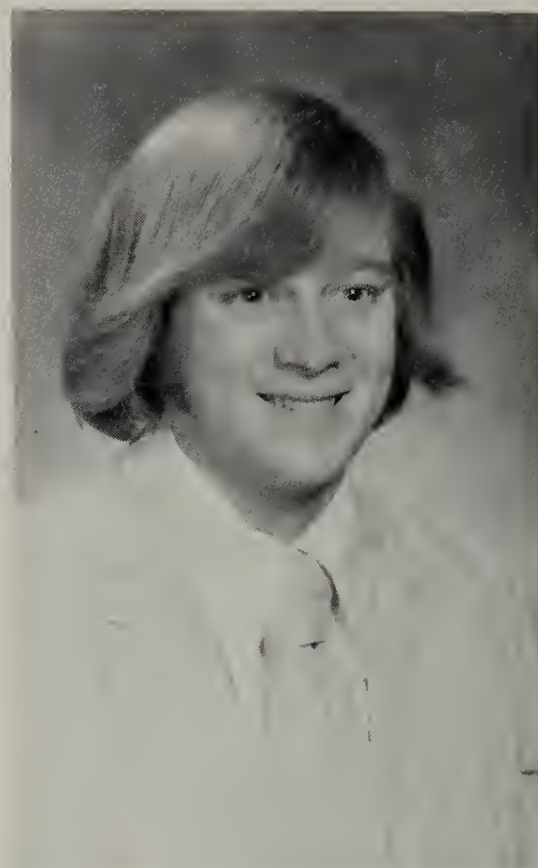
Hull, Mass.

Nicknames: Herb, Terrorizer, The Train.

College: Suffolk

Occupation: Businessman

Entered Freshman Class 1971



Likes: History, math, getting drunk, soccer, listening to Mr. Quinn talk about Nixon and the CIA, racism, the Mahoneys, and rum and rootbeer.

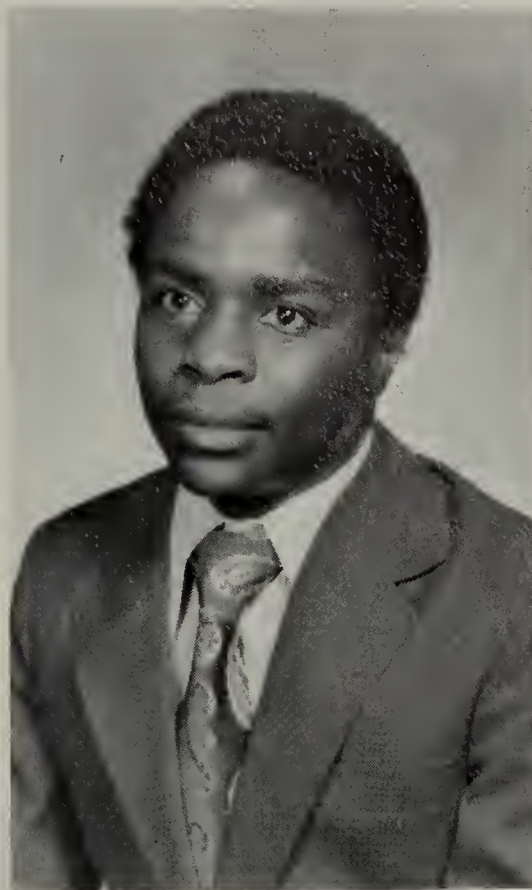
Dislikes: Mr. Robinson's jokes, TA's food, school in general, All Jive, Blinky, Being called C.C., Jerry Jordan, slaving, water fights, and roommates.

T.A. Biography: Basketball 1, Baseball 1,2, Soccer 2,3,4, Hockey mgr. 3, Weightlifting 4, Honor Roll 2,3,4, Best Defense Award Soccer 4.

Epitaph: "Here lies the best man the world ever knew."

STANLEY KIANO

P.O. Box 40125
Nairobi, Kenya
Nicknames: Stan, Doc, Africa
College: Undecided
Occupation: Undecided
Entered Senior Class 1974



Likes: Sleeping, twelve noon, dinner, Mr. Paige's history class, Science, Ron, Yvonne asking me questions, my jokes with Igor, going on a trip, and the Fenney brothers.

Dislikes: Weekends, being alone in my room, being homesick, Ed Downs pouring water on me, and being teased.

T.A. Biography: Soccer 4, Yoga 4, Art 4, Theater 4, Boat Boy 4.

Epitaph: "Angel Gabriel knows what will be written, so I don't have to tell everybody."

JONATHAN T. KING

699 Lily Pond Rd.
Albany, Georgia
Nickname: Bud
College: Morehouse
Occupation: Real Estate Broker
Entered Junior Class 1973



Likes: Listening to heavy music, traveling to places I haven't been, going out and checking out what's to check out, and arguing with some people.

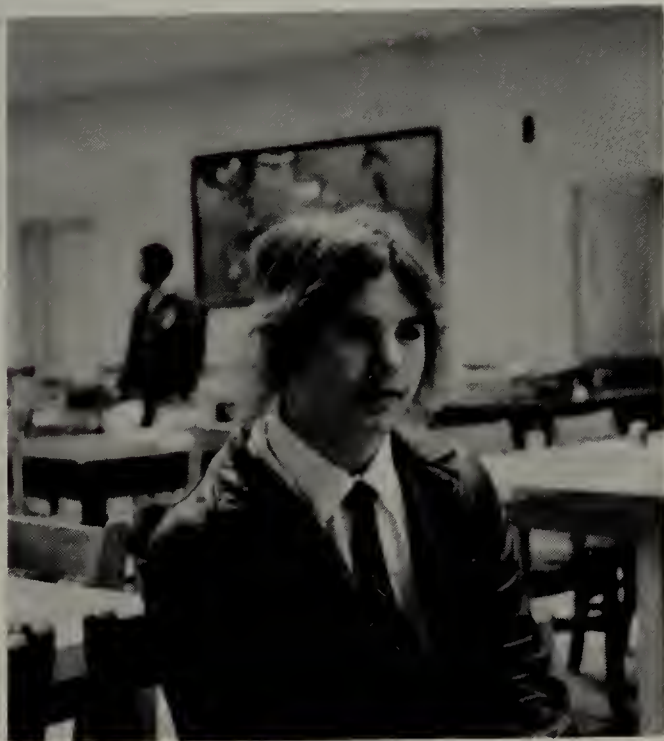
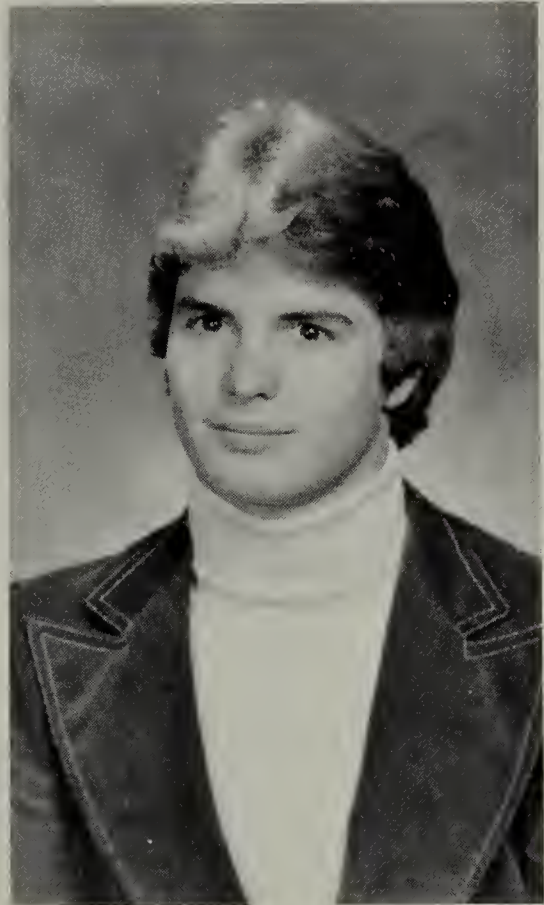
Dislikes: Having to eat obnoxious food four days of the week, leaving the nice Southern climate to come north this to this screwed up climate, and waiting patiently for the boat.

T.A. Biography: Football 3,4, (Co-capt.) 4, Who's Who Among American High School Students, A Distinguished American High School Student, and Football All-American (High School)

Epitaph: None

DOUGLAS JUDE MARR

438 Jeruselem Road
Cohasset, Mass.
Nickname: Doug
College: Suffolk
Occupation: Wealthy businessman
Entered Freshman Class 1971



Dougie as a Freshman.

Likes: Budweiser, My Moms and Pops, Fanny fox, Seagrams V.O., football, Ralph, my dog Thor, Pandora's Box, foxy women, hoken and poken, 75 Fleetwood Brougham's, my handkerchief, and Wayne as C.C.

Dislikes: Schlitz, Santa Clause, All Jive, Ron Dumont and his followers, Eddie Neal's BIG mouth, Ed Donovan's tee shirt, Wayne's smelly feet, jungle boogies, eight o'clock meetings, TA food, dirty jokes, and farmers.

T.A. Biography: Baseball 1,2, Football 1,2,3,4, co-capt., Hockey 1,2,3,4, TA Drinking Team 3,4, Intramural All Stars 3,4, Theater 3,4.

Epitaph: "Here rests a fine scholar who helped improve his country just by living there and he should have been a crozier."

THOMAS McCLURE

9 Jenkins St.
So. Boston, Mass.
Nicknames: Seahawk, Superscore
College: None
Occupation: Service
Entered Freshman Class 1971



Likes: Denise, hockey, history, reading books, Southie, Perkins Schoolyard, football, Jezo, Annette, Mrs. T., and Mr. B.

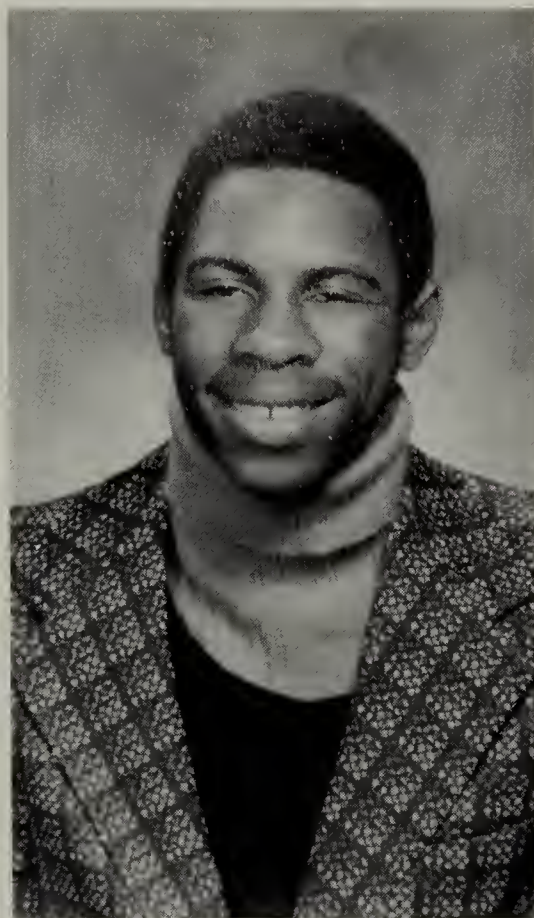
Dislikes: Posey, Roxbury, Harlem, cats, Alan, Tom's cooking, messy rooms, dirty people, and losing in hockey.

T.A. Biography: Hockey 1,2,3,4, LaCrosse 2,3, Weightlifting 2,3, Theater 3,4, Yoga 3,4.

Epitaph: "I thought we would never get rid of him."

JAMES MONTGOMERY

131 West 117th St.
New York, N.Y.
Nickname: Jim Dandy
College: Bethune Cookman
Occupation: Intellectual Businessman Con Man
Entered Junior Class 1973



Likes: Big legit money, Candy Clavery, intellectual fine black women, a huge estate, to be very deafed up, properous education, hanging out, and an understanding relationship.

Dislikes: Ignorant South Boston freaks, having no gapper, South Boston itself, yougly girls, and waiting for the boat.

T.A. Biography: Football 4, JV Basketball 3, LaCrosse 3, Theater 3,4.

Epitaph: "Ignorant people and women are the most difficult people to get along with in this world and in any other."

EDWARD LYNWOOD NEAL

8 Fidelis Way
Brighton, Mass.
Nicknames: Ed, Supersly, The Infamous
Alais Abraxas II, Mr. Lips.
College: U Mass, Amherst
Occupation: Business Unlimited
Entered Sophomore Class 1972



Likes: Power, money, love, wisdom, intelligence, alias Segundo Diablo Abraxas, 1972 Dodge Charger, some forms of craziness, seeing Gregory Carroll act a fool, leaving South Boston, Mass. ZIP 02127.

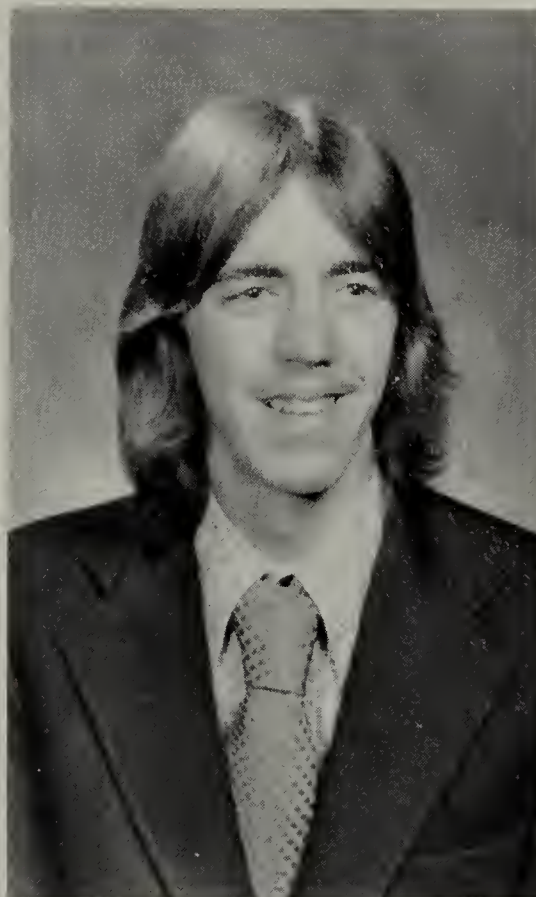
Dislikes: South Boston, Mass. 02127, waiting for things, what the call food at TA, pushers, addicts, loansharks, Cadillacs, uncomprehendable trig classes, dirty bathrooms, Jerry Jordan's dry jokes, the lack of intelligence in the faces of Doug Marr and Eddie Donovan.

T.A. Biography: Football 3, Basketball 2, Baseball 4, LaCrosse 3, Art 3,4, Theater 3,4, Karate 3, Yoga 3,4.

Epitaph: "No Comment."

STEPHEN POWELL

32 Morrison St.
Medfors, Mass.
Nickname: Steve
College: None
Occupation: Undecided
Entered Sophomore Class 1972



Likes: Friday afternoons, being with my girlfriend, talking on the phone, Mad Dog as a roommate, and catching the buzz.

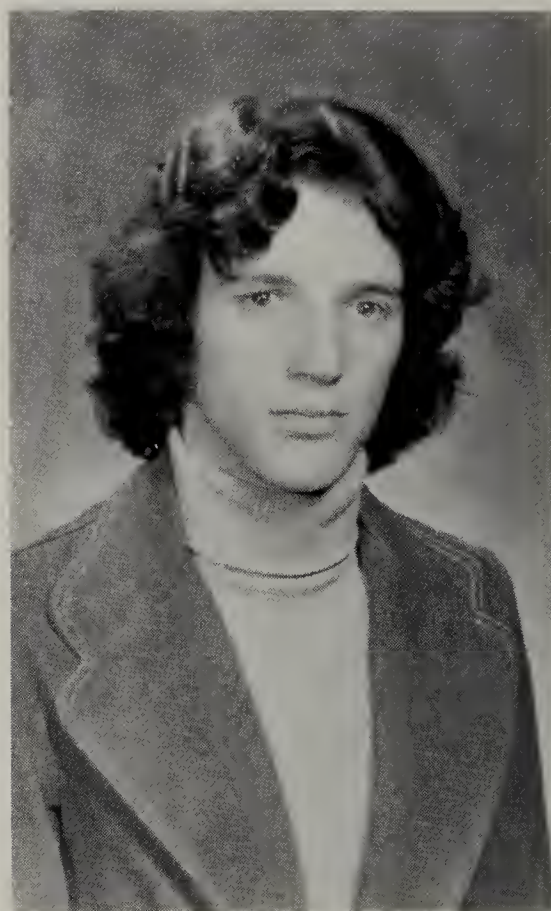
Dislikes: Sunday nights, being broke, classes and TA food.

T.A. Biography: Has been here off and on for three years. Isn't that enough?

Epitaph: "His buzz has run out."

MARK PRENTIS

592 East 4th St.
So. Boston, Mass.
Nickname: Mark
College: BHCC
Occupation: Policeman
Entered Junior Class 1973



Likes: XYZ meetings, birds and bones, H and 5th, basketball, football, Al Willis taking over class, girls, money, TA Drinking Team, Polo Team, and Toboggan Team.

Dislikes: D St., Eddie Neal's mouth, Stanley from deep dark Africa, Patty Posey, Alan, November, and Monk sticking up for D St.

T.A. Biography: Football 4, Basketball 4, Polo Team, 5,6, Drinking Team 3,4.

Epitaph: "Help!"

CALVIN REED

Drewsville, New Hampshire
Nickname: Dutch Boy, Mr. Peanut
College: Undecided
Occupation: Boat Captain
Entered Freshman Class 1971



Likes: History, sports, girls, parties, music, long hair, sleep, my mother, and the boat.

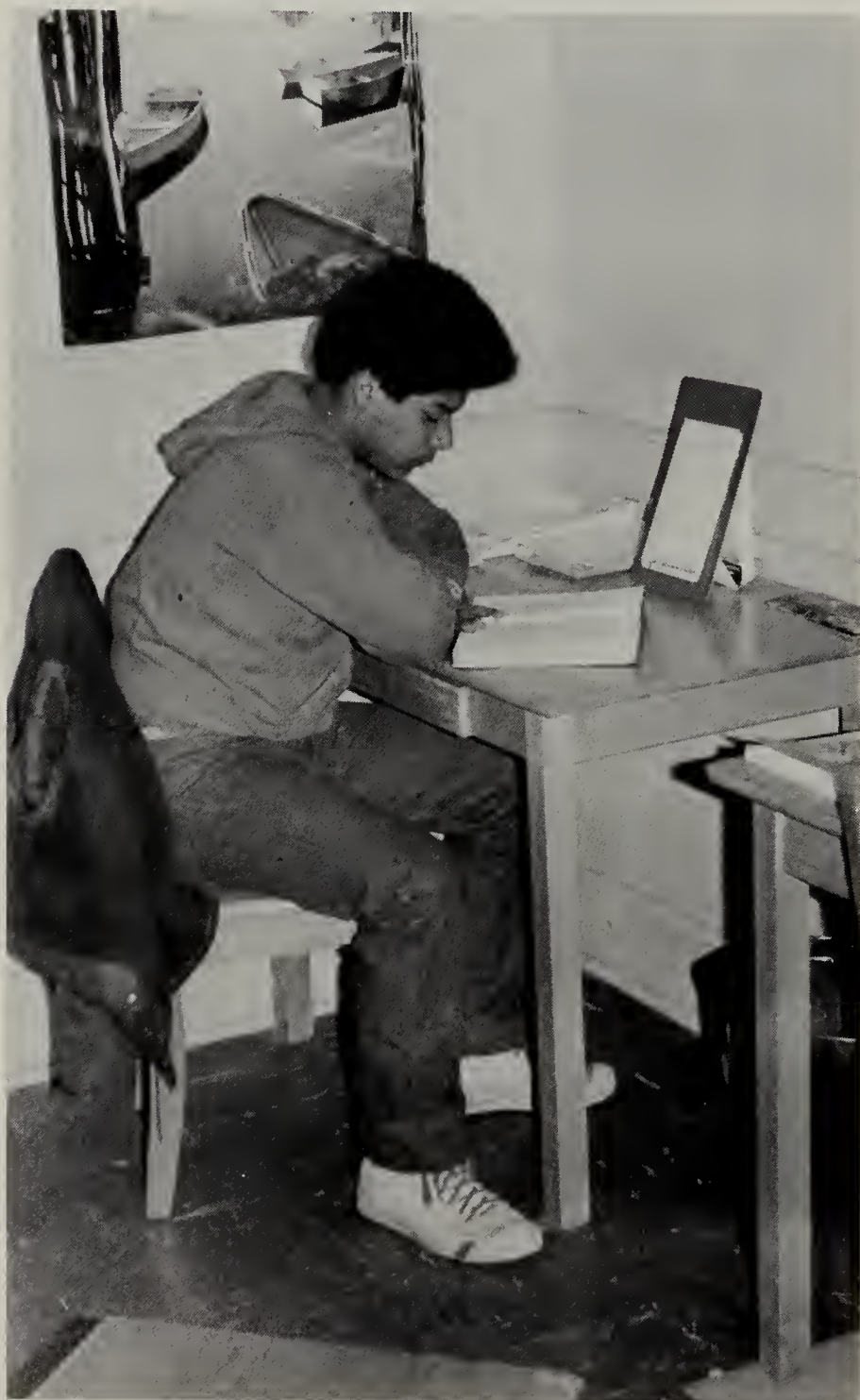
Dislikes: Homework, getting up for breakfast, being broke, long boring weeks, mid-terms, and trig.

T.A. Biography: Basketball 1,2,3 Soccer 1,2, 3,4, Baseball 1, Boat Boy 1,2, 3,4, Theater 3,4.

Epitaph: "No Comment."

GEORGE ROSADO

140 Columbia St.
New York, N.Y.
Nickname: None
College: Fordham
Occupation: Undecided
Entered Senior Class 1974



Likes: Basketball, football, baseball, most of the teachers, and Mr. Robinson as a coach.

Dislikes: Morning meetings and some of the wise guys from South Boston.

T.A. Biography: Football 4, Basketball 4, Baseball 4.

Epitaph: "He that is wise by day is no fool by night."

DAVID ROSE

102 Alexander St.
Dorchester, Mass.
Nickname: Dave the Rave
College: Undecided
Occupation: Undecided
Entered Freshman Class 1971

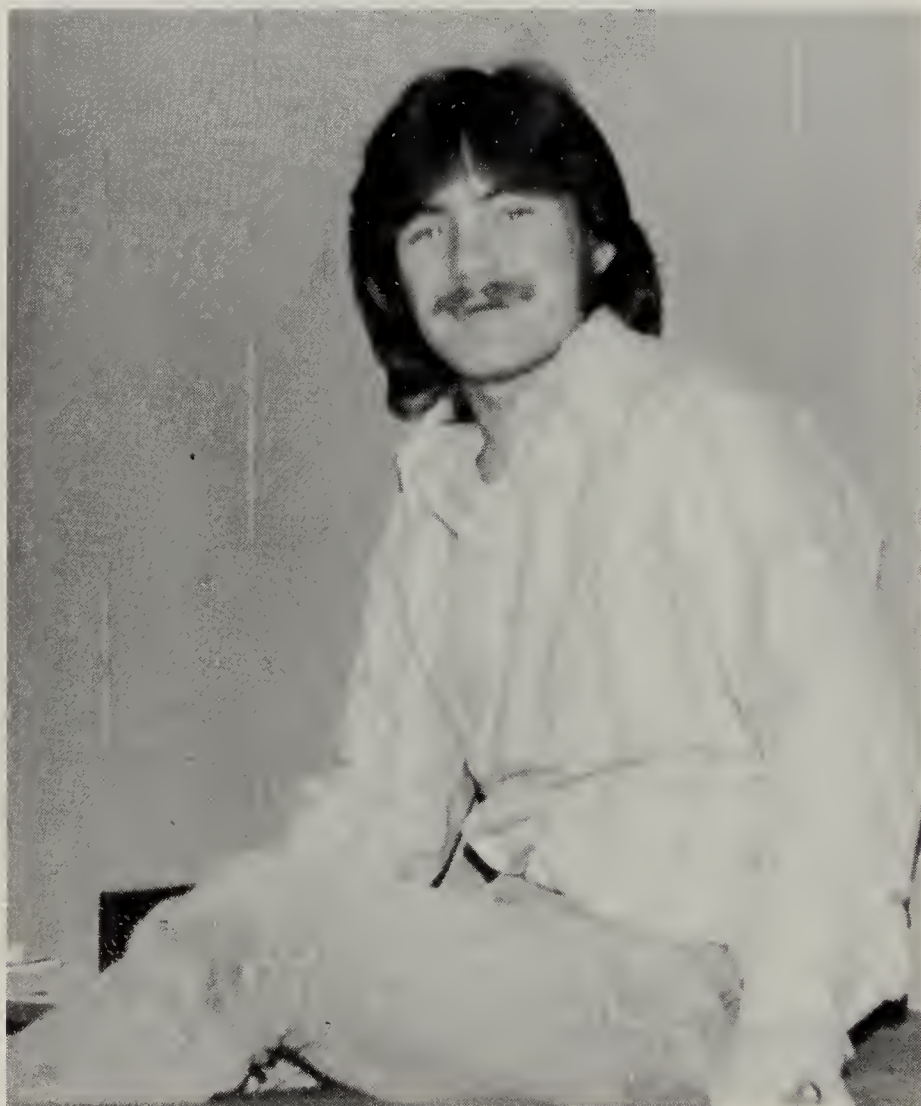


Likes: Toki, trig, history, and money.
Dislikes: Kevin Boyces, knots on the forehead,
and Russell's country talk.
T.A. Biography: Soccer 1,2,3,4, Co-Capt 4,
Basketball 1,2,3, LaCrosse
1,2,3, Theater 3,4, Yoga 3,4.

Epitaph: "Dead or alive, Dave Rose was a great man."

BRIAN RUDY

240 Adams St.
Lowell, Mass.
Nickname: Hammer
College: Northeastern
Occupation: Coach
Entered Senior Class 1974

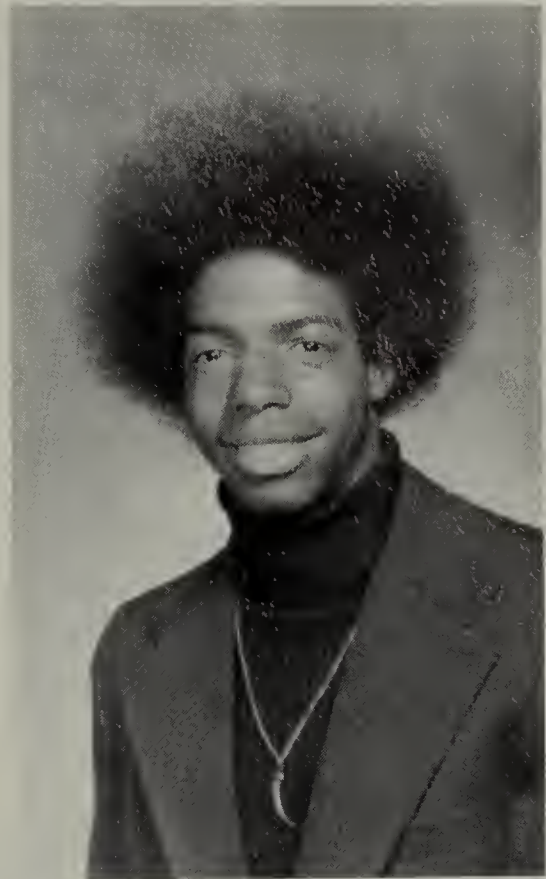


Likes: Anne, travel drinking, and football.
Dislikes: TA food.
T.A. Biography: Football 4, Weightlifting 4.

Epitaph: *****

STEPHEN SCOTT

154 Walnut Ave.
Roxbury, Mass.
Nicknames: Skizzmo, Skizz.
College: Holy Cross
Occupation: Intellectual Player
Entered Freshman Class 1971



Likes: Women, parties, money, long vacations, Beverly, and basketball season.

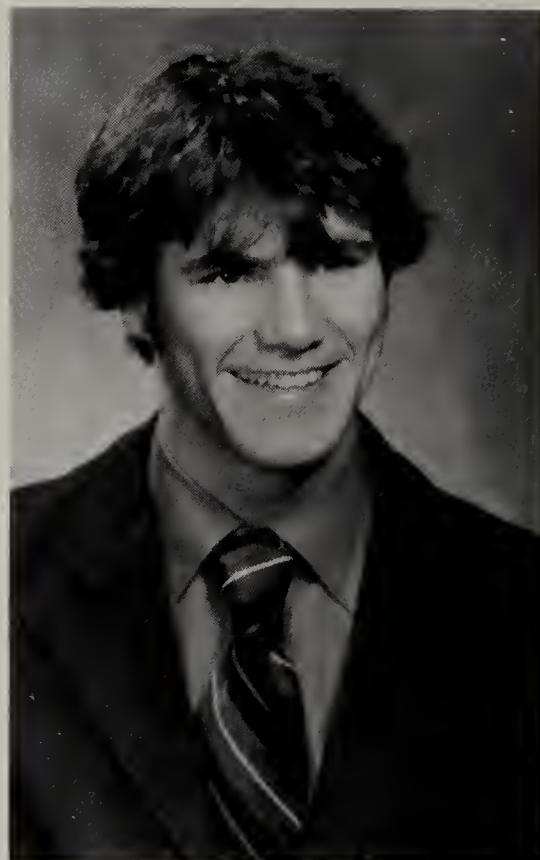
Dislikes: Robert's dry jokes, Greggs dragon breath, goobers, Peck's boring English classes, Bullock's goofiness, and dirty bathrooms.

T.A. Biography: Football 1,2, Soccer 3,4, Basketball 1,2,3,4, (co-capt.) 4, LaCrosse 1,2,3.

Epitaph: None

JOSEPH STAPPEN

76 West Broadway
So. Boston, Mass.
Nickname: JoJo
College: Bryant and Stratton
Occupation: Computer Operator
Entered Sophomore Class 1972



Likes: Louise, hockey, football, Southie, The Exorcist, Ralph Nader, Elton John, summer, dynamite girls, #23, short-handed goals, a winning season, and P P Streets.

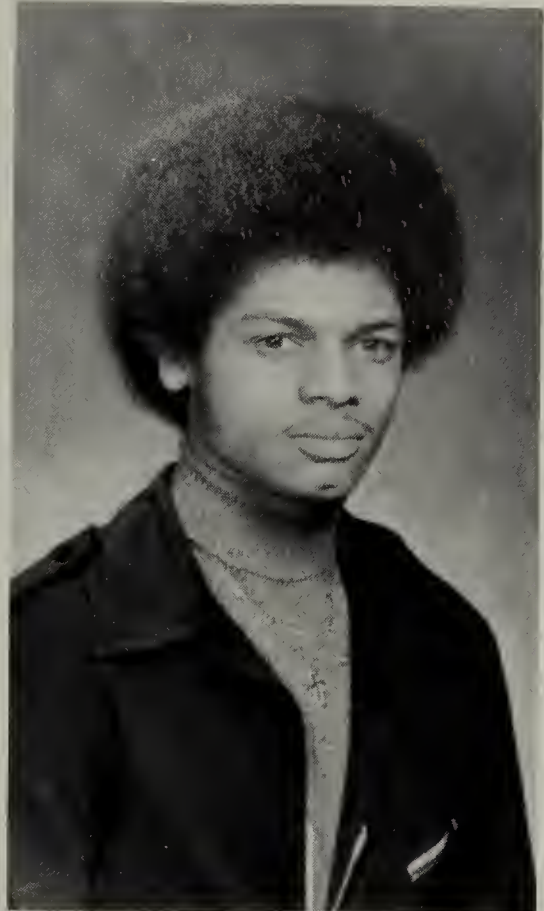
Dislikes: The President, dentention, missing boat, pot, Youngblood, All Jive, CIA, forced busing, and friends trying to act superior.

T.A. Biography: Football 4, Hockey 2,3,4, Theater 3, TA Drinking Team 3,4.

Epitah: "As I lived I did try to make the best of my life before I died, and I promise you while I am dead I will make the best of what's ahead."

ROBERT TAYLOR

144 West 144th St.
New York, N.Y.
Nickname: Too Cool, T.C.
College: Boston College
Occupation: Brain Child
Entered Junior Class 1973



Likes: Myself, money, football, my jokes, good music, Peaches, Monkeygomery, and Injun.

Dislikes: Favoritism, South Boston people who don't wash, New York, All Jive's feet, feet, eight o'clock meetings, and Patty's boring science class.

T.A. Biography: Football 3,4, Basketball 3,4, LaCrosse 3, Theater 3.

Epitaph: "Women and poorly educated people are the most difficult to deal with."

CLASS WILL

Brian Rudy wills his alimony payments to Alphonso Kellam.

David Rose wills his stink draws to Jose Serrano.

Greg Carroll wills his clothes to the Thompson dump.

Juan Coday wills his adoption papers to Ron Dumont.

Archie Claytor just wills to leave.

James Montgomery wills Nixon's jockstrap to John Quinn.

Stanley Kiano wills his pygmy outfit to Pete Weiss.

Calvin Reed wills his broken tooth to Tom the Chef.

Wayne Gerrish wills his baggy pants to Harry Fenton.

Steve Powell wills his fungi socks to Carmello Rivera.

Robert Taylor wills his "Irish Spring" to Peaches Burnett.

Eddie Neal leaves nothing because he has nothing to leave.

Steve Scott wills his super coolness but no one would take it.

Brian Feeney wills a bottle of "no-doz" to Bill Peck's next English class.

Jonathan King wills his constitution for a Springtime fast to John Robinson, so he can loose weight.

Tom McClure wills his hairdresser's telephone number to Joe Watts and Joe Lee.

Mark Prentis wills his "I like Eddie Neal" button to Mugsie McGuire.

George Rosado wills his "Kiss me I'm Irish" button to Tyrone Haskett.

Larry Bavis wills his goofy golf hat to Mike Flaherty.

Doug Marr wills his fine record at Thompson to Kevin Boyce.

Eddie Donovan wills his moves to Mr. Pinto.

Joe Stappen wills his cribbage ability to Taxi.

SUMMER READING LIST

The Class of 1975 ever on the lookout to increase its knowledge has suggested a summer reading list. This list will be made up of some of literature's finest novels. It is truly a fine collection, worthy to be in any of the great libraries of the world.

"The Curing Of Insomnia" by William Peck and his entire English class.

"How to Serve Murder-Burgers" by Thomas Klinepeter.

"Having My Baby" by John "Injun" Horan.

"Elliot Ness Is My Teacher" by Gerald Jordan.

"The Playing Of The Grease-Comb" by John Quinn.

"I Speak With Forked Tongue" by Ren  J. St. Pierre.

"How To Drive A Boat When You Can't See Over The Wheel" by Ronald Dumont.

"How To Tailor High Water Pants" by David Handy.

"How To Drive In Five Easy Lessons" by Douglas Paige.

"The Man With The Steel Wool Chin" by Alan Willis.

"How Not To Be Conned By A Thompson Student" by Alan November.

"Lesson's In Duck Walking" by John Pinto.

"The Life Of Leisure" by Harry Fenton.

"I Really Like John Robinson" by Charles Baxter and Raymond Thomas.

"The Effects Of A Beer Diet" by Robert Sullivan.

"I Really Like Charles Baxter and Raymond Thomas" by John Robinson.

"How To Develop A Charming Personality" by Peter Weiss.

"Violence Is My Bag" by William Nelson.



Chopping the ice to free the boat circa 1923.



The WINSLOW instead of the whaler.



Fourth from the left is Ray Thomas, present Ass't Headmaster when he was a student on the island.



"B" Dorm under construction circa 1930.



New Dorm under construction.



A boat boy is his summer white uniform about 1918.



The Class of 1975 in 1971. Can you recognize the ones who made it?



The school car in the early sixties.



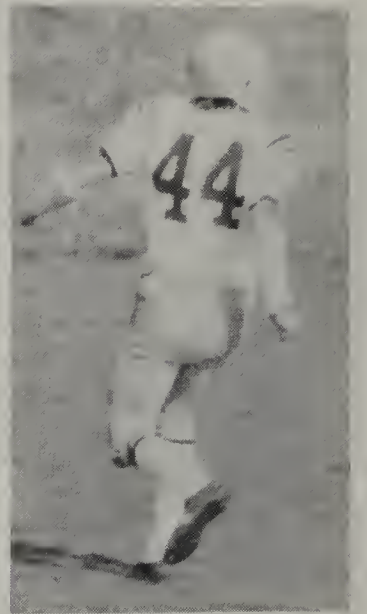
Mr. and Mrs. Stiels, teachers in the forties.



The 1935 Varsity Football Team.
FIRST ROW: Willey, Burns, Millett, Goodwin, Jones, Littlejohn, and Beck. SECOND ROW: DeLorie, Parsons, Harris, Bean, and Richie.



Will the real Senior Class stand up and turn around.



Feeney



Would you let any of these babysit for your 14 year old daughter?



Elnumerouno and Elnumeroduo

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Congratulations are in order after the Homecoming game with Concord Academy.



"Fifteen-two, fifteen-four,....."

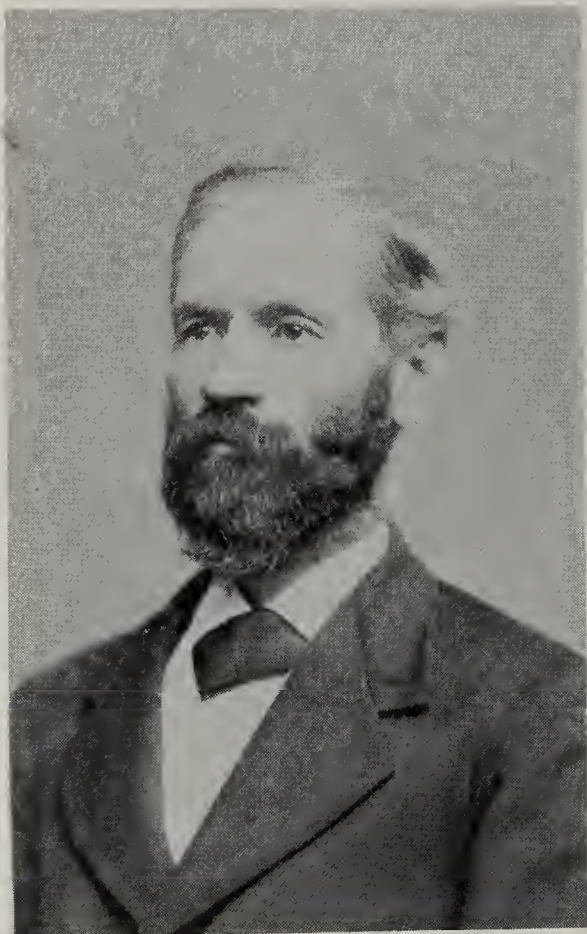


Football Captains and Coaches.

FIRST ROW: Brian Feeney, Jonathan King, and Doug Marr. SECOND ROW: Doug Paige, John Robinson (Head Coach), and Dave Handy.



Proof Captain Pete never really quit smoking.



John Ripley Morse, Bandleader 1860's.



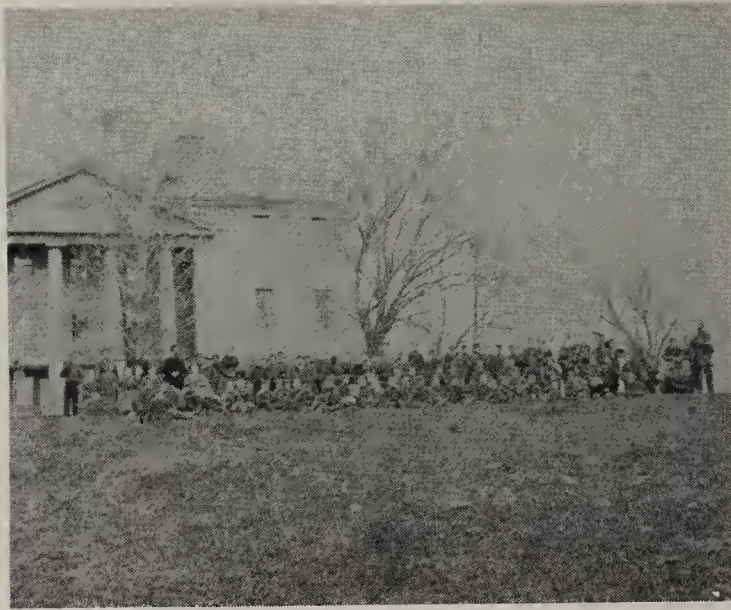
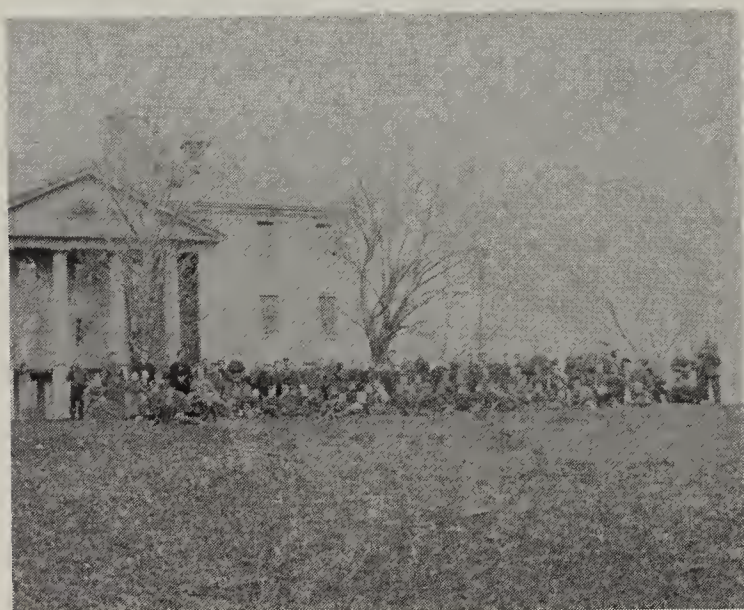
Practice in the Band Room, which is now the Art Room.



The Band drilling on the front lawn, 1947.



Senior Band in 1957.



1866

SCHOOL BAND HISTORY

One of the most distinctive extra-curricular activities of the Farm School had its inception in the year 1857. It seems that twelve boys amused themselves and their schoolmates by creating musical sounds when singing through combs covered with tissue paper. Three other boys with violins soon joined the group and later a bass violin, saxhorn, coropean and drum were added to form the nucleus of what become, that same year, the first school band in America.

Special room in the east wing of the Main Building was used for practice which was called "The Band Room." After the first year, a second hand set of band instruments was hired by the School and, with surprising rapidity, the band progressed from an amusing novelty to a well organized group of talented musicians.

Two years after the "Comb Band" was started, the Farm School Band made its debut by leading the procession when the boys from Thompson's Island made their annual pilgrimage to Boston and paraded through its streets. This was the first public appearance of a school band in America. Later, new instruments were purchased by the School and through the years that followed the Farm School Band increased, not only in the number of participating musicians but in proficiency as well.

A gigantic Peace Jubilee opened in Boston, June 15, 1869, in a huge Colosseum, capable of accomodating an orchestra of one thousand musicians, a chorus of ten thousand voices, and an audience of over fifty thousand people. The Farm School was invited to participate in this history making event.

A goodly share of the credit for the success of the Farm School Band must go, not only to the boys but also to their Director of some fifty years, John Ripley Morse, brother of the Superintendent of the School. Many members of the Band later occupied positions with some of the finest musical organizations, including the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

1934





Frank Tkacik and Mr. Thomas display some of the workmanship to come out of woodworking this year.



Mr. Quinn, look where I found the CIA!"



Shuffleboard anyone? Circa 1952.



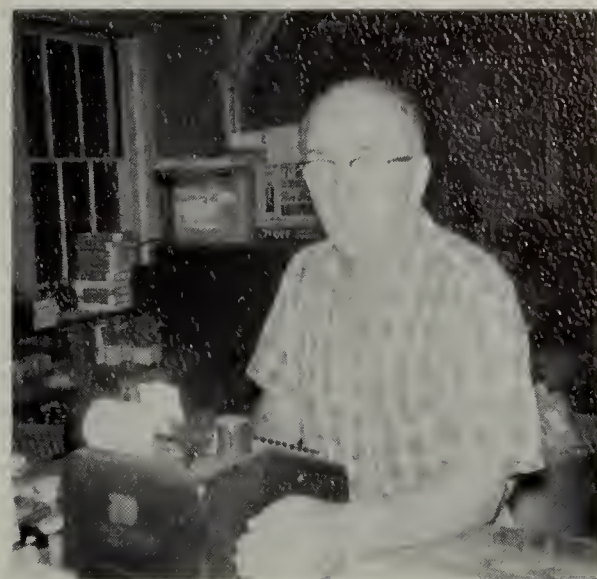
Who says it never snows on the island? Blizzard of 1963.



Al Grincavich and Jerry Jordan assist Tom Rooney and Frank Tkacik start down the front lawn. Archie Claytor, Mark Powell, and Calvin Reed look on.



In 1945 they used a bobsled run down the banked Front Road.



"Mr. Robinson? Why he happens to be the most handsome and intelligent person I've met in a long time."



"Dave the Rave"

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"Btfghd muhkgyf oomkhj fgduv nkjio!!



"Sure kid, now get in your room."



"All right Shahbaz, what's that smell in your room?"



"It's not dope, Igor, I was just rustlin' up a midnight snack."



The Thompson Academy Brain Trust, left to right, Igor Quinn, Wild Bill Nelson, Taxodermi (Headmaster), and Cheffo Pecko.



The other half of the Thompson Brain Trust being admired by JDP.



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"Is this any way to run a dining room?"



"It never rains in Southern California....."



"I wonder if the Headmaster from Andover sells donuts at recess?"



"Would you hire this man to take your Algebra I final exam?"



Papa Carter and George Rosado have at it with the Air Hockey Unit.



What do you expect?
After all, the child and
mother pictured know
the yearbook advisor
well.





"I see the harbor lights....."

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At this point, I would also like to apologize to anyone I might have offended with my sometimes black sense of humor. I hope all will understand that these liberal sprinklings are an attempt to add a little humanness to an otherwise, usually dull publication.

A special thank you to Mrs. Thomas, who for two months listened to me talk to myself and never once complained.



".....and I'll raise you two blue chips." A Thompson student would never play for real money.

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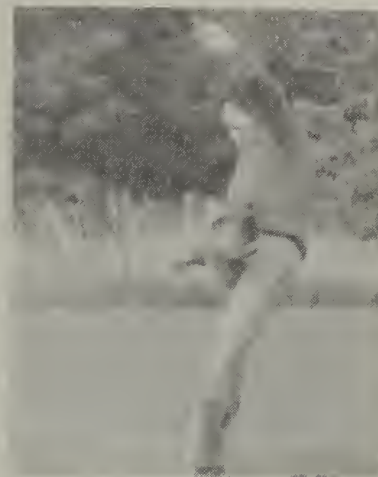
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THE CLASS OF 1975
FROM
THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF
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"EAT GUANO AND DIE"
FROM
A FORMER CLASSMATE
EXPELLED IN 1973**

"I just love Uncle Igor."
---Taxi.
"I learned lotsa new tricks."
---Sam.
"I wish I were a Kellogg's
cornflake....."---Pepper



Here Igor demonstrates a
new disciplining method.

IGOR'S CANINE FINISHING SCHOOL

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Who am I?
What am I?
Why am I here?
Which way do I turn?
Where do I go?
When will I learn?

These are the questions I asked myself when I first come to Thompson. I am Wayne Gerrish. I am a student at Thompson Academy. I am here because I had messed up in past years. The direction I am now heading is towards college. When I get out of college I hope to help others as Thompson has helped me. I know this sounds strange, but I think I learned something here. Not just in class, but in life itself. I really like this school. Even though it's not the best one in the world, it's far from being the worst either. I am sorry to hear that the school has to close next year because I really think you could learn something if you wanted to. I will always remember Thompson as a stepping stone in my life. It helps to have John Quinn as a guidance counselor finding a college you can afford and will do well in. It helps to have people like John Robinson, Bill Peck, Doug Paige, Bill Nelson, and Dave Handy to sit down and explain things to you instead of just saying, do this, do that, and have it ready for class tomorrow. It is also nice to have Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Baxter around to talk to when times are especially hard. When you have two teachers out on the soccer field like Mr. Peck and Mr. Quinn, who don't know any more than you and me about the sport, but teach you something, then you've got to say that they are pretty good guys.

THANK YOU TA,
Wayne Gerrish
Class of 1975

Dear Wayne Gerrish:

Thank you for the thank you. That alone has made my 161 year existence worthwhile.

Sincerely,
Thompson Academy



